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SORORITY KICKED OFF CAMPUS

Fraternities receive heavy sanctions
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Kevin Nelson/The USD Vista

Let us pee in peace

ELISABETH SMITH
Asst. News Editor

With all the stresses in life, members of the University of San Diego community can worry about one less problem and pee in peace around campus.

Starting in the fall of 2015, gender-inclusive bathrooms have been installed in various USD buildings. With seven on-campus locations including the Student Life Pavilion, Legal Research Center, and Student Health Center, gender-inclusive bathrooms provide single-stall bathrooms for persons of all genders to use.

Senior Madeline Kasik is the president of PRIDE and on the Changemaker committee dedicated to spreading awareness about gender-inclusive bathrooms.

Kasik was approached by Evelyn Kirkley, theology professor and PRIDE advisor, to apply for a Changemaker Hub core funding grant to educate the campus about gender-inclusive bathrooms.

"The bathrooms [were installed] starting last November," Kasik said. "But, there wasn't awareness around the issue. This spring we are working on educating the community."

Kasik and her team are spreading awareness through tabling and the



Elisabeth Smith/The USD Vista

The Changemaker committee uses a toilet-toss game to teach the USD community about gender fluidity and gender-inclusive bathrooms.

LBGTQ website. The website includes educational videos and resources about the bathrooms. The committee also has a map on the website that shows where the seven inclusive bathrooms are located.

Kirkley works with the Changemaker committee to spread awareness about gender-inclusive bathrooms.

"I've always been interested in furthering bathroom resources for

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Woman struck by car on Linda Vista

ELISABETH SMITH
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A 20-year-old woman was struck by a car and sustained life-threatening injuries while crossing Linda Vista road outside of the University of San Diego on Saturday night.

The woman was sent to the hospital with injuries to her head, as well as a broken leg and other fractures, according to a Union-Tribune article.

The collision reportedly happened around 9 p.m. near Brunner Street. Police said the woman was walking from the west curb to the east curb when she was hit by the car.

The driver was a 25-year-old woman who was not injured in the accident, police said. She was, however, quite distraught by the incident and the authorities called a crisis counselor in to help her, according to an ABC 10 report.

The driver was driving a Ford Focus, and the windshield was smashed on the right side from the impact with the victim.

The names of the victim and driver have not been released. The San Diego Police Traffic Division is investigating the incident.

Alpha Phi sorority chapter closes

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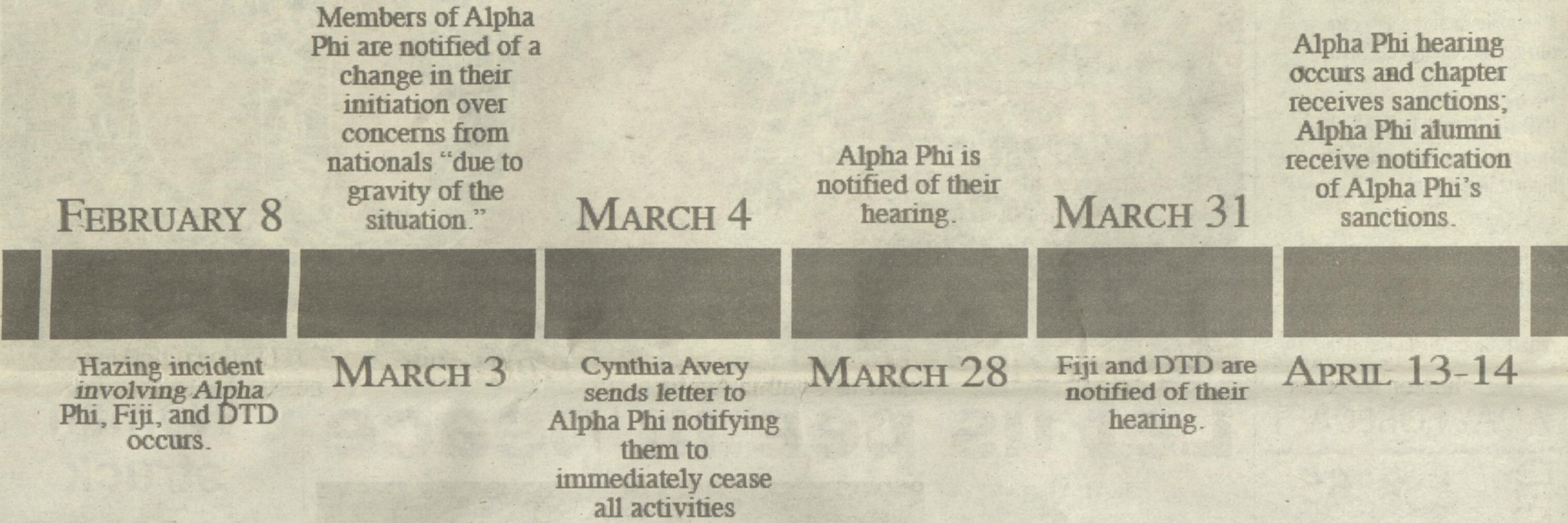
IN BRIEF
The University of San Diego sorority, Alpha Phi, was kicked off campus last month. Following a hearing on April 14 with members of the Fraternity and Sorority Life Standards Board (FSLSB), the USD chapter was ordered to shut down all operations. This decision was made following the investigation of two hazing incidents reported to have occurred on Feb. 8. The incidents involved members of Alpha Phi and two fraternities: Delta Tau

fraternities under scrutiny. The USD Vista was able to obtain emails exchanged between members of Alpha Phi as well as emails between Alpha Phi and administration, along with a letter of appeal from a source in the sorority. This source chooses to remain anonymous in fear of negative repercussions because every member in the sorority was advised not to discuss the matters outside the chapter. The USD Vista also secured notice of hearing letters and sanction letters sent to all three organizations involved from the Student Leadership and Involvement office. Alpha Phi was one of eight sororities in the USD FSL system and included 144 active members and 30 non-initiated new members. The

The letter from Cynthia Avery, PhD., assistant vice president of Student Affairs, to the chapter cited confirmed hazing allegations. "The incident included alcohol, blindfolds, sexual exploitation, etc.," the letter stated. "Alpha Phi is instructed to immediately cease all activities, events and meetings including initiation of new members as planned for Sunday, March 6, 2016." Mandy Womack, director of Student Leadership and Engagement, who oversees USD's FSL, sent a notice of hearing letter to Alpha Phi chapter president Cassidy Kelly on March 28. The letter notified Kelly of an impending hearing for Alpha Phi's actions. This hearing was the result of complaints Womack received

THE VERDICT
After the conclusion of their hearing on April 13, Alpha Phi received their official sanction letter. The sanction letter cited that the chapter had been found responsible for violating several FSL Guidelines. These violations included hazing, the purchasing of alcohol using chapter funds, and the presence of alcohol during any pledge/associate activity. Most notable, however, was the citing for harassment and abusive behavior. The board found Alpha Phi responsible for violating two sections under this guideline. "Fraternities and sororities may not engage in any organizational activities involving sexually abusive behavior (whether verbal or physical) or behavior that is

states. As of Wednesday morning, it is still unclear what the exact acts that occurred were. The minutes discussing what was testified in the FSLSB meeting will not be released because of ongoing investigations and hearings with individuals who took part in the events. These minutes will stay protected by Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) laws until the hearing concludes, as well as any investigative reports made by USD Public Safety. The official sanctions against Alpha Phi also stated that the sorority would not be able to rejoin the USD community sooner than Fall 2019. Womack stated that Alpha Phi's international administration is working with her office and will be holding



Delta (DTD) and Phi Gamma Delta (Fiji). Since the sorority's shut-down, members of Alpha Phi have officially appealed the decision, claiming that the investigation was not handled correctly. For full transparency and disclosure, this reporter and members of the executive team are involved with Fraternity and Sorority Life (FSL). However, none are affiliated with the sorority or

sanction marks the first time a fraternity or sorority has been kicked off campus since Sigma Chi fraternity was shut down in November of 2004 for hazing and hosting an unapproved chapter event. The sanction was handed down just a month after the reported hazing took place. According to a letter attached to an email sent March 4, Alpha Phi was ordered to cease all chapter activities.

against the chapter from an unknown source. "Both events had alcohol present, sexual misconduct, and were connected to the Big Sister/Little Sister program in Alpha Phi," the complaint letter stated. "Some of the members involved in these incidents were/are officers of the organization." Alpha Phi's hearing occurred April 13 in front of the FSLSB.

lewd, obscene, or otherwise inappropriate," Section II.F.1 states. "Fraternities and sororities may not engage in any organizational activities involving physical or verbal behavior that makes persons the subject of harassment, intimidation, or hostility because of their race, religion, color, gender, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, or national origin," Section II.F.2

a council meeting to determine any further action by the national administration. The rumors of Alpha Phi's closure quickly circulated USD's campus and sent shockwaves through the USD FSL community. Alpha Phis were instructed by their executive members to refrain from answering questions about the investigation and sanctions from students, faculty, or media.

FSLSB Sanctions by Chapter

	II. C. 6.	II. C. 11.	II. C. 12.	II. F. 1.	II. F. 2.	III. C.
	No chapter may expect, suggest, or compel any affiliate to	No alcohol may be present during Greek member programs or activities	No chapter may purchase alcohol with chapter funds or sell alcohol to affiliates/guests	Chapters may not engage in organized activities involind sexually abusive or lewd behavior	Chapters may not engage in organized activities involving physical or verbal harrassment	Chapter officers may be held personally responsible for misconduct of chapter members
II. E. 1. Hazing	consume alcohol					
Alpha Phi	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Phi Gamma Delta (Fiji)	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Delta Tau Delta	✓		✓			

*Disclaimer: the descriptions of these sanctions have been paraphrased for simplicity. For clairfication, see the Fraternity and Sorority Life guidelines.

FRATERNITY INVOLVEMENT

Two of USD's fraternities, Delta Tau Delta (DTD) and Phi Gamma Delta (Fiji), were also involved in the hazing incidents. Both fraternities received similar notice of hearing letters citing the same complaints as the letter sent to Alpha Phi. According to the sanction letters, DTD and Fiji were found responsible for hazing violations and having alcohol present during a pledge/associate activity. DTD was not found responsible for any other actions. Fiji, however, was found responsible for misbehavior by a chapter officer and for activities involving sexually abusive or inappropriate behavior.

The two fraternities have each received sanctions for their involvement in the incidents. Fiji and DTD will undergo mandatory

sorority was handed such a severe punishment compared to both fraternities because they think all parties played a significant role.

ALPHA PHI'S APPEAL

After the closure of the Alpha Phi chapter, members of the sorority were upset and thought the shutdown was unjust, according to our anonymous source. In an email sent April 17, Alpha Phi chapter advisor Sara Smith informed members that there were two possible reasons to appeal the sanction: if they had felt they were not given due process or if they were able to provide new evidence. However, Smith also stated in the email that she believed appealing the decision would push the chapter's ties with campus further away and would hurt the chapter's chance of returning to USD's campus in Fall 2019. She

adequate written notice of the hearing, FSLSB's failure to let Alpha Phi examine evidence prior to the hearing, and failure to allow Alpha Phi's executive board to be present at the hearing.

The FSL guidelines allow all executive members to be present at the hearing as well as any advisors. However, Womack informed The USD Vista that it is common practice that the hearing letter is distributed to a chapter's main point of contact only; in most cases that contact is the chapter president. This common practice occurred as only Kelly was sent the notification of hearing letter.

Possibly the most noteworthy citings of the appeal letter are that the hearing board failed to impose appropriate sanctions and failed to take proper minutes of the hearing. The letter

that was submitted. The USD Vista has reached out to Kelly and Alpha Phi's International Administration and have received no comment.

ALUMNI REACTION

Alumnae of USD's Alpha Phi chapter were notified of the chapter's shutdown in a letter which was given to The USD Vista by Kristin Moran, PhD. Moran is a former member of Alpha Phi at USD who belonged to the chapter in the early 1990s and is now a special assistant to the Dean at USD's College of Arts and Sciences. Moran was surprised to learn of the incident.

"I think for the people I talked with who are alumni, it was just kind of sad to learn that the organization that we had been a part of as undergraduate students was now in jeopardy," Moran said. "I think it's just sad that a

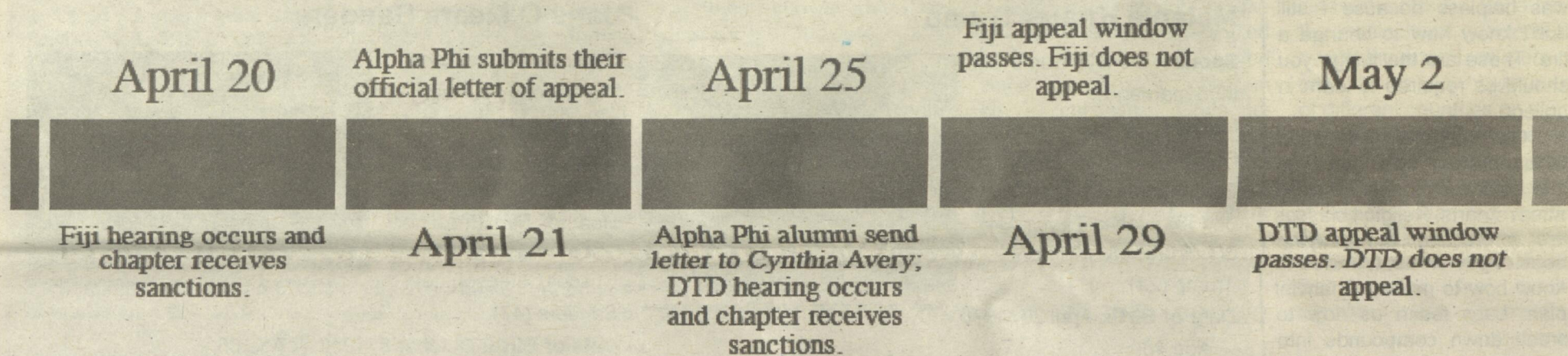
Phi alumni, Black urged Avery to reconsider her decision.

"We encourage each other to reflect, grow, and improve," Black said. "We are asking you [Dr. Avery] to give us the opportunity to help our chapter to do just that."

Black's letter further stated Alpha Phi's contributions to charity and community and emphasized Alpha Phi's commitment to learn and grow.

"We believe that this is an opportunity for Alpha Phi to be made an example of by demonstrating our chapter's ability to learn from this experience," Black said. "If given the opportunity, a refocus of our chapter values, with support and education from alumnae, would open doors for change and growth for all University of San Diego students and the greater community."

Womack confirmed with



membership reviews which will be conducted by their international administrations. This sanction could lead to the dismissal of several members from each chapter. Both fraternities will also be required to participate in educational programs involving speakers on hazing, sexual assault, and bystander intervention. DTD also received probation from the university through May 31, 2017. Fiji will be suspended from all social events through December 31, 2016 and be suspended from participating in Fall 2016 membership recruitment.

The USD Vista's anonymous source stated that several Alpha Phi members believe it is unfair that the

encouraged members to refrain from writing an appeal letter or getting lawyers involved.

Despite Smith's plea to the chapter, a majority of Alpha Phi's members sought to appeal the ruling. Our anonymous source informed The USD Vista that the mother of a current Alpha Phi member drafted an official appeal to the university, dated April 21. The appeal letter, which was delivered to Avery within FSL guidelines, stated Alpha Phi's desire to appeal the sanction handed down by FSLSB.

The appeal letter cites that Alpha Phi's right to procedural due process was denied for several reasons. Some of the reasons include lack of

argues that without sufficient evidence, the board handed down the most severe punishment. Further, they argue that Alpha Phi was never provided with the full written documentation, the list of witnesses that appeared, or the summary of the testimony at the hearing. Alpha Phi members argue that for this reason there is no way to determine whether guidelines were properly followed during the hearing. The appeal letter also states that the chapter is in possession of new and significant evidence, but does not state what that evidence is.

The appeal letter was signed by 99 of the sorority's members. Chapter president Kelly did not sign the appeal

current group of students has jeopardized the organization for many people who have been members."

Moran also compared the incident to her pledging process and was amazed to hear how the sorority has changed in that regard.

"When I was pledging, I was trying to remember some of the things we had to do," Moran said. "And I feel like, we went out to breakfast at Denny's and that was the big thing."

According to another letter attached to an email sent to Avery, assistant vice president of Student Affairs, by former USD Alpha Phi chapter president Alyssa Black on the behalf of Alpha

The USD Vista that Avery will inform the Alpha Phi community know about the acceptance or rejection of their appeal by May 6. Neither Fiji nor DTD filed for an appeal within their allotted five day appeal window. If all the sanctions stand it will mark a significant change in pace for USD's FSL. For the past two years, FSL has been focusing on expansion, including the addition of two new fraternities and one new sorority. With the loss of an established sorority, the future of Fraternity and Sorority Life at the University of San Diego is uncertain.

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Adulting 101



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Finals are a week away and I haven't learned anything this semester. Sure I've acquired some arbitrary knowledge of 18th century poets and the names of different lighting techniques for video production, but I need help with the real day-to-day stuff.

Of all the required classes at USD, not one of them has taught me how to do my taxes. This weekend I had a blowout in the middle of the desert and was helpless because I still don't know how to change a tire. These are the things you should be required to learn in college.

Our general education requirements now turn us into bookworms, but we need street smarts. Religion classes are interesting but praying *doesn't pay off debt; I need to know how to make a financial plan.* Labs teach us how to break down compounds into elements but what about turning ingredients into food? Reliance on meal plans is not only costly for students but sets them up for a life of bad eating habits if they can't cook for themselves. Cleaning can be deadly if you don't teach us how to do it properly. Students need to know that mixing bleach and ammonia products is a toxic mixture but they don't teach that in between proofs in logic.

If there were only one graduation requirement, it should be a LIFE 101 class. Define the phrase "business casual" for us. Teach us all about credit cards so we aren't fined for misunderstanding how they work. Offer extra credit to students who learn how to drive a manual transmission because in an emergency that might be the only type of vehicle around. Explain to students how to measure their blood alcohol content when they're drinking so they can avoid a backseat trip to detox. There are so many skills that we need to know but aren't taught at USD.

Our current general education requirements are interesting, but are they useful? I'm trying to be an adult and I'm eager to learn. All I need is better material. If USD is going to add or change requirements, they should start with teaching us how to be independent adults.

Let's Talk Politics: Potential first ladies and gentleman

This presidential race is full of firsts, but we decided to look at the most iconic White House firsts this week. Some of these spouses bring in even more sophisticated resumes than their presidential counterparts. Historically, first ladies have had a lot of influence over the public and their husband's agenda, so it is important to know not just who your president will be but also who they're sharing their bed with.

Karen Waldbillig Kasich

Spouse: John Kasich (his second marriage)

Married: March 23, 1997

Children: Twins Emma & Reese (16)

Date of Birth: December 26, 1963 — Age 52

Place of Birth: Upper Arlington, OH

Education: Bachelor's

Degree in Communication, The Ohio State University

Occupation: Former VP of GSW Worldwide; Current stay at home mom



Photo courtesy of Ohio State Governor

Melania Knaus Trump

Spouse: Donald Trump (his third marriage)

Married: January 22, 2005

Children: Barron Trump (9); Stepchildren: Donald Trump, Jr. (38), Ivanka Trump (34), Eric Trump (32), Tiffany Trump (22)

Date of Birth: April 26, 1970 — Age 46

Place of Birth: Sevnica, SFR Yugoslavia

Education: Dropped out after her first year at the University of Ljubljana

Occupation: Model; Fashion Designer



Photo courtesy of Marc Nozell/Wikimedia Commons

Bill Clinton

Spouse: Hillary Clinton

Anniversary: October 11, 1975

Children: Chelsea (36)

Date of Birth: August 19, 1946 — Age 69

Place of Birth: Hope, Arkansas

Education: Bachelor's

Degree in Foreign Service, Georgetown University; Juris Doctor Degree, Yale Law School

Occupation: Former President of the United States



Photo courtesy of White House Photo/Wikimedia Commons

Jane O'Meara Sanders

Spouse: Bernie Sanders (his second marriage)

Anniversary: May 28, 1988

Children: Carina Driscoll, Heather Titus (from her first marriage with Dave Driscoll); stepson Levi Sanders (47)

Date of Birth: October 8, 1950 — Age 65

Place of Birth: Brooklyn, New York

Education: Bachelor's Degree in Social Work, Goddard College

Occupation: Former President of Burlington College

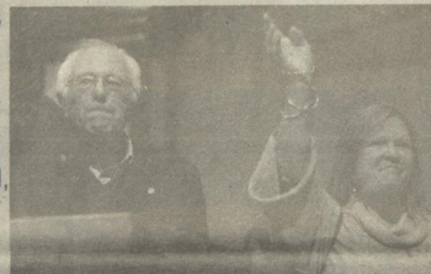


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Gender-inclusive bathrooms installed

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gender fluid students," Kirkley said.

Although PRIDE does not have an official role in the project, Kirkley said that the Changemaker committee is a group of students, staff, and faculty that are invested in educating the campus about the bathrooms.

Junior Marguerite Lehman works alongside Kasik and Kirkley on the committee.

"I got involved when I realized the 4th floor SLP inclusive bathroom did not have menstrual receptacles," Lehman said. "So I talked to the Women's Center and they got them installed quickly."

After working with the Women's Center, Lehman talked with Kasik and got involved with the team to spread awareness.

"I'm a gender studies minor and I've always been interested in how sexual health affects the structures of inequality," Lehman said.

Lehman shared that the

gender-inclusive bathrooms are for anyone to use.

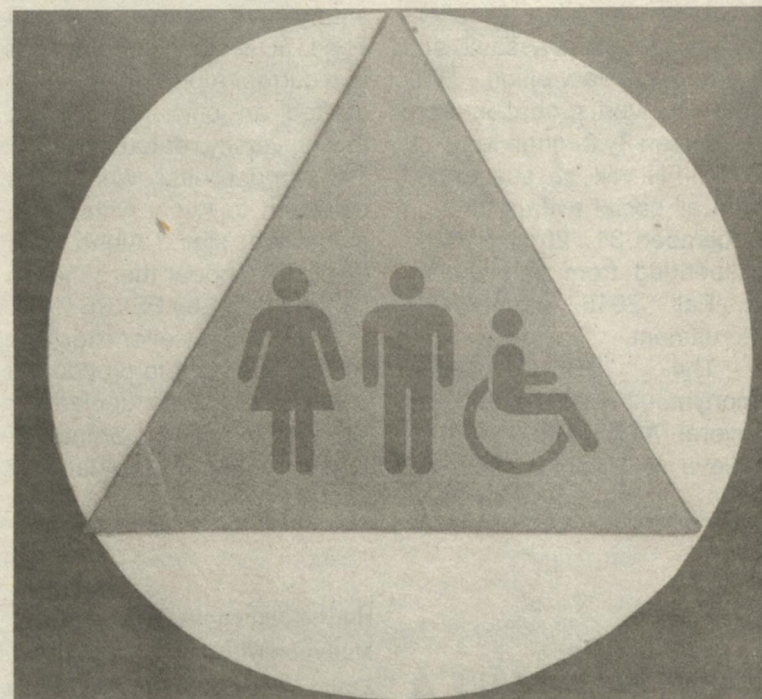
"Not only are [the bathrooms] immensely helpful [for] gender-fluid, gender questioning, and transgender students, but even parents with their opposite sex kids," Lehman said. "If a dad was on campus with his young daughter he can take her into the inclusive bathroom and not send her into the women's bathroom alone."

Despite the effort to spread awareness, not all students are aware of these resources. Sophomore Patrick Moore was shocked to learn that there were gender-inclusive bathrooms on campus.

"There's gender inclusive bathrooms on campus?" Moore said. "I was completely unaware that there were."

Moore said he thought he should have known about the addition of the bathrooms, and expressed interest in them.

"I think it's a good thing to be inclusive," Moore said. "It's good that other people feel



Elisabeth Smith/The USD Vista

The Changemaker committee uses a toilet-toss game to teach the USD community about gender fluidity and gender-inclusive bathrooms.

comfortable though."

First year Alexandra Smith-Farina was also unaware of the gender-inclusive bathrooms.

"I've never really considered [the bathrooms] to be something that would actually happen, but I guess

I'll have to be more open to the idea," Smith-Farina said.

Whether the general student body is aware of this resource, the gender-inclusive bathrooms can provide a safe environment for all members of USD to pee in peace.

ARTS & CULTURE

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"We don't plan to fail, we just fail to plan"



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Arts & Culture Editor

As my good friend Mike once told me, "We never plan to fail, we just fail to plan." I am quite notorious for failing to plan too often.

I'm one of those last minute procrastinators who always thinks, "Wow I really should have started this earlier." Although I have been slightly better at trying to plan ahead compared to when I first began college, my inability to find motivation to start things early has stayed completely stagnant.

My failing to plan accordingly also prohibits me from being able to plan fun, adventurous activities on the weekends. Even when I choose to avoid my academic responsibilities and do an activity with my friends, I find myself not fully enjoying those fun events because my mind is constantly reminding me all of the things I still have to do.

And although I struggle to organize my life in order to make it less stressful, there is still one more thing I fail to plan: setting time aside to experience genuine interactions and bettering my relationships with those I am not already close with.

I have met so many intriguing people these past two years and always hope there is a chance that I will be able to interact with them again. While I have the intention to hang out with people in order to get to know them better or see how they are doing in life, I often fail to plan a time and place to meet up.

I have noticed how comfortable I have become with my circle of friends. I do not always make the extra effort to spend time with those outside of my realm of confidantes.

If you only have the same interactions with the same perspectives, how are you really supposed to grow and think beyond your current social realm?

So now that we only have two more weeks of school left, I'll try my very hardest to not fail to plan in all aspects of life. And if you concur with everything I have just said then you might feel challenged to also plan ahead. Plan ahead for those study guides, group project gatherings, office hour meetings, and final papers.

But don't forget to plan to meet up with those you promised you would hang out with. Because as the semester comes to a close, you don't want to regret failing to plan to enjoy these last few days.

ISO hosts international fashion show

WALKER CHUPPE
Contributor

From the cultures of Azerbaijan to Venezuela, the University of San Diego's International Student Organization celebrated diversity and tradition at the 31st Annual International Expo and Fashion Show on Friday, April 29.

The show kicked off with an introduction by senior Khaled Alaskar, who serves as president of ISO. Together with University President James T. Harris, they welcomed the friends, family, and supporters of ISO, and the multicultural community that USD has built over the last three decades.

Sophomore Sarah Khan, who had a front row seat for the show, particularly enjoyed the opening performance.

"The drum music and dancing had a lasting impression on my friends and I, and we're planning on going to one of their classes next weekend," Kahn said.

The entertainment started with vibrant drumming and dancing from West Africa, and the upbeat harvest songs set the stage for the rest of the show. The Senegalese traditional dance performers then invited audience members onto the runway to take part in the song and dance. The call-and-response nature of the songs brought the entire room to life, and the rest of the audience encouraged the performers and their new backup dancers.

Sophomore Michael Schwabe was fascinated by the West African performances.

"It was such good fun that the song is still stuck in my head," Schwabe said. "It made me want to get up and dance with them, which is what everyone ended up doing at the end of the night."

After the drum and dance performance wound down, and the audience members returned to their seats, a word from ISO vice



Photo Courtesy of Walker Chuppe

Vibrant drumming and dancing from the West African culture was one notable performance from the night.

president, Yanran Xiong, introduced the main event of the night: the fashion show. Cultural garments from countries such as Indonesia, Scotland, Mexico, and Taiwan, were displayed by student models on the runway.

Sophomore Arianna Farha was featured as a model with a traditional

sophomore Xiaofei Zhang, who brought some traditional Chinese culture to USD.

Zhang performed heartfelt music on his Chinese stringed-instrument, called erhu, which he has played since he was a child in his hometown, Chengdu.

"To step out on stage definitely requires a degree of

"The event opened up my perspective of how diverse USD community is because there were so many people from different parts of the world."

- Xiaofei Zhang

Moroccan dress. "It was a very nerve-wracking but overall exhilarating experience," Farha said.

Hours of preparation and rehearsal were required so that fashion show would run smoothly. The models were required to wait backstage, looking out at the crowd, until their turn to walk down the runway.

Upon reaching the midpoint in the event, the runway procession was paused for a feature performance from one of ISO's very own,

bravery, but once I was out on stage, the only thing that I felt was that I wanted to do my best for the audience," Zhang said.

The unique music from his erhu, which sounds similar to a cello, emotionally moved the audience.

Zhang reflects on the impact from the performances during the evening.

"The event was wonderful; I especially enjoyed the moment when everyone got up on stage [during the African dance], and the rest of the audience cheered for us," Zhang said.

After Zhang's traditional erhu performance, the runway resumed with more examples of clothing from a multitude of different cultures. Because of the multicultural nature of the event, the attendees were not only able to see the garments of different countries on stage, but were also able to interact with others from diverse cultural backgrounds. A performance of Irish Step Dancing signaled the end of the fashion show, but not until a procession featuring all the models together was completed.

Schwabe commented how professional the event was, especially since it was student-run.

"There was a cool airplane traveling theme with a variety of restaurants from different countries," Schwabe said. "It was not only USD members but those of the greater international San Diego community in attendance. The event opened up my perspective of how diverse USD community is because there were so many people from different parts of the world."

With final words from both Khaled Alaskar and Yanran Xiong, the 31st Annual International Expo and Fashion show came to a close.



Photo Courtesy of Walker Chuppe

The International Student Organization featured student models dressed in cultural attire from various countries across the globe.

Final-ly a study break in SD!

Check out these fun events in San Diego!
If these don't suffice, go on a hike and enjoy the view.

Events:

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OLD TOWN FIESTA CINCO DE MAYO OLD TOWN	THERAPY DOGS SLP 12 P.M. - 2 P.M.	STAR WARS MOVIE SLP 8 P.M.	SPRING FEST CANNONBALL, MISSION BEACH 12 P.M. - 3 P.M.	TRAVIS SCOTT VIEJAS ARENA 7:30 P.M.

Places to visit with a view:

IRON MOUNTAIN TRAIL	COWLES MOUNTAIN	CUYAMACA PEAK LOOP TRAIL	POTATO CHIP ROCK, MOUNT WOODSON	DEVIL'S PUNCHBOWL, CEDAR CREEK FALLS
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summer break filled with
exciting memories and
even better music to
accompany you!**

Crossword Puzzle Answers for Issue 22

ACROSS

1. Kiss
3. LittleRedCorvette
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How am I so old?



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It hit me straight in the face yesterday like a wave quickly barreling toward me, but one far greater in size than my surfing capabilities could handle.

I am graduating from college in three and a half weeks. It feels like just yesterday that I was putting the sheets on my extra long, extra skinny dorm room bed.

There is a surreal feeling knowing that the approximately 18 years of schooling are coming to an end.

This celebratory moment marks a new chapter in my life, granting me the freedom to take on new challenges and adventures, and immerse myself into unfamiliar territories.

I've never been one to enjoy uncertainty or completely allow myself to not have a set schedule, but I've come to understand that these feelings are not unique to me.

Many of my friends and peers have expressed similar fears, particularly those without a job, traveling into unaccustomed cultures, or moving back home with mom and dad. This can be a bit frightening, but the potential positive outcomes may likely be greater than initially imagined.

As of now, I am content and at ease knowing I have yet to secure full-time employment, and hey, I'd probably be set for life if I had a dollar for every time someone asked me what I'm doing after school.

Most importantly, I will take however much time I have off after the graduation festivities to spend quality time with my family, animals, and friends, along with hopefully squeezing in some spontaneous road trips.

San Diego is a truly special place to live during one's college career.

The city, in addition to the USD community, has provided me a second home throughout the last four years. A home that has lent a tremendous hand in shaping my young adult, womanly self into someone who finds stimulation in learning, engaging with my peers, and exploring unknown areas near and far.

Now that I'm graduating, it seems as if I'll simply have to live vicariously through the Instagram feeds of current USD undergraduates.

Covert mission with SDPD Chief of Police

Chief of Police, Shelley Zimmerman, offers USD students the inside scoop on an undercover mission

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San Diego's Chief of Police, Shelley Zimmerman, recently came to the University of San Diego to talk with students about her career leading up to her appointment as San Diego's Chief of Police in March 2014.

Zimmerman, a Cleveland, Ohio native, decided to move to San Diego as a result of a college football game.

"A football game changed my life," Zimmerman said. "It was the 1980 Rose Bowl, Ohio State vs. University of Southern California. With 12 seconds left in the game, Charles White stole the national championship away from my buckeyes."

She visited Southern California for the first time to attend this Rose Bowl game in Pasadena, CA, and although she has yet to completely accept the loss suffered by her alma mater, Zimmerman fell in love with Southern California.

After completing her undergraduate degree at The Ohio State University, Zimmerman jumped on a plane and headed west. She brought \$200, one suitcase, and a guitar to California.

Once she arrived in San Diego, Zimmerman searched for a job and saw that the San Diego police department was hiring.

As the daughter of a World War II veteran turned defense attorney, Zimmerman had always envisioned following in her father's footsteps in upholding the law.

"As a police officer every day you have an opportunity to make a difference in someone's life, usually at the worst possible moment," Zimmerman said.

After only a few months on the job, the rookie cop went on an undercover mission. 24-year-old Zimmerman posed as a student at Patrick Henry High School, a public school in San Diego notorious for illegal drug trade among students.

The recent San Diego Police Academy graduate took one step forward only to take 10 steps back into the awkward high school years that most college students are still trying to forget.

Zimmerman can now be seen buttoned up in her perfectly pressed, navy blue police uniform, complete with a four notch belt and sturdy black combat boots. But in her return to high school, she had to be "banger" (80's slang for "cool").

Aside from learning typical high school subjects all over again, the primary subject



Photo Courtesy of Professor Tom Herman
Zimmerman waves to onlookers as she completes her first year as Chief.

she needed to study was unavailable as actual courses. In the midst of algebra and chemistry, she had to learn how to go undetected as an undercover narcotics agent in a high school setting.

Zimmerman noted that her ability to blend in was a critical component to not blowing her cover.

"I often went to the local malls to watch how high schoolers interacted," Zimmerman said. "I stared and thought to myself, wait, kids don't shake hands..."

Without a textbook, she turned to the popular television channel MTV to help school her on the latest high school mannerisms and slang.

Although Zimmerman was sent undercover to collect evidence of students peddling illegal drugs at Patrick Henry High School, she was unsure how difficult it would be to find the in-crowd.

"Within the first week of class there was another student [sitting in front of her] who put a textbook at the front of her desk," Zimmerman said. "She started laying lines of cocaine behind the book and began to snort it in class."

Investigating where to start the bust turned out to be easier than she had imagined.

"You name it, I bought it," Zimmerman said. "I made over 100 different purchases of every drug that you could imagine."

During her time as a high school student, Zimmerman's covert mission resulted in over 70 arrests.

"I showed up to arrest the students and one student said to me, 'You can't be an undercover cop. I was going to vote for you for homecoming queen!,'" Zimmerman said.

One USD student mentioned that the crowd listening to Zimmerman's story was filled with dropped jaws and faces transitioning into wide-eyed smiles.

Sophomore, Faith Brandt made a humorous connection while listening to Zimmerman.

"Her undercover mission

sounds like the movie '21 Jump Street'," Brandt said.

What sets Zimmerman apart from the Hollywood rendition of her covert mission, is that she is a woman, unlike most actors who play the role of cops in the film industry.

Her biceps may not bulge in comparison Channing Tatum, The leading man of "21 Jump Street", but Chief Zimmerman says that being a woman in her real-life role doesn't really matter. Zimmerman emphasized that if you can do the job, you can get the job. Men and women are measured the same way. Chief Zimmerman does not compare herself to any man.

"Guys have to do as many pushups as I do!" Zimmerman said.

Sophomore Courtney Clark, the daughter of Steve Clark, Santa Cruz Deputy Chief

of Police, has met Zimmerman on several occasions.

"I have never met a woman in such a high ranking position before," Clark said. "It is inspiring to see a woman hold the highest rank in a police department, especially in such a large city."

Zimmerman spoke candidly with students and proudly wore her badge and uniform. Her words were woven with honor and gratitude as Zimmerman ended the conversation humbly.

"It is a privilege to lead our San Diego Police Department," Zimmerman said.

After her lecture, Zimmerman opened the floor to allow students to ask questions.

One USD student asked if there were any implicit differences between herself and her male co-workers.

"I am a pistol expert – with a French-manicure," Zimmerman said.

Zimmerman's lecture was a unique opportunity for students to connect with our SDPD at a time when some youth nationwide have become disillusioned with police actions. Her appearance on campus and ability to connect with USD students on a personal level allowed for greater awareness regarding the sacrifice and dedication police officers uphold on the job and as normal citizens in society.

Get away from the library drab...

check out these top rated coffee houses

Surprise, surprise, finals are just around the corner. To ensure sanity, well-being, and study success, here are some alternative locations to the library. Each is located in diverse San Diego neighborhoods with FREE Wifi.

1. James Coffee Co. – Little Italy

Blocks away from other delicious establishments such as Ballast Point and Café Gratitude, James Coffee Co. is the perfect mixture of hipster and coffee connoisseur. Don't be intimidated though, the employees are easy going and make crazy good coffee. The shop also has a cool factor; it is located in a large warehouse among other miniature shops.

2. Turquoise Coffee – Pacific Beach

Corner street coffee shops like Turquoise Coffee in PB have ample indoor seating. In addition, there is outdoor furniture for observers and individuals looking to enjoy the fresh air. It is conveniently located, but by 4 p.m. the coffee shop turns into Turquoise Cellars wine bar for those of you who are over 21.

3. Lazy Hummingbird – Ocean Beach

This quaint spot just blocks from the beach serves a variety of pastries, coffee, and cold beverages at a great price for a college budget. Throughout the week there are frequent live music gigs offering customers a musically inviting space to work or simply sip on a latte.

4. Lestat's Coffee House – Normal Heights

Lestat's is huge, boasting a large outdoor patio, and an even larger indoor space. The antique style furniture offers a vintage aesthetic. Plus, they're open 24/7 – perfect for students who foresee a long night ahead.

Jamie Eddy/The USD Vista

Get to know your new Associated Student executives

Votes are in and USD's newly elected AS student body executives are here



T.J. Hodges
Position: AS President
Year: Incoming Senior

Hoping to Accomplish: "My greatest goal is to grow AS into an even greater role of student advocacy. A priority for AS this coming year is financial awareness, which means keeping USD costs low for all students. By addressing the costs of living, dining, and parking, AS can begin to tackle the issue of affordability at USD. I also hope to boost community spirit at USD by using AS and TPB resources to encourage student attendance at sporting, theater, [Fraternity and Sorority] life, guest speaker, and other events. Assisting our administration in creating a bigger national name for USD in the coming years is also a long term goal that will be set in the Associated Students this year."

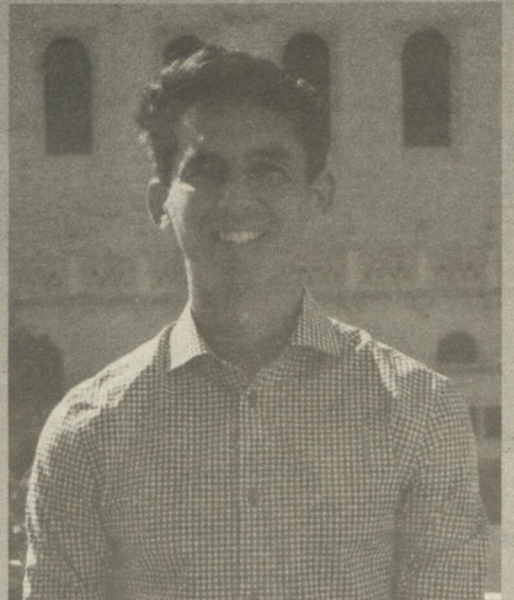
Fun Fact: "Both of my parents attended USD; this is where they met."



Danielle Priore
Position: AS Vice President
Year: Incoming Senior

Hoping to Accomplish: "I want more people to be able to know about AS as a resource and what we do. I hope to fix student issues with registration and advising. In addition, I really want to make Mission Beach trams and tailgates for 21+ happen."

Fun Fact: "Doug the Pug [a celebrity pug on Instagram] is my Spirit Animal."



Matthew Smith
Position: AS Chief of Staff
Year: Incoming Senior

Hoping to Accomplish: "I hope to work together with the exec team and the rest of AS to leave USD in a better place when I graduate. I think a good goal to work towards is simply more participation in all activities around school."

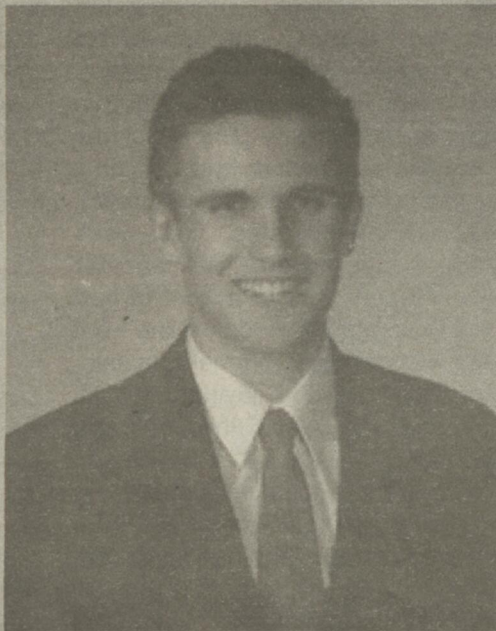
Fun Fact: "I am the men's cross country team captain along with president T.J. Hodges. We will also be living together next year so you could say things are getting pretty serious."



Tabitha Plummer
Position: AS Finance Chair
Year: Incoming Senior

Hoping to accomplish: "As Finance Chair, I hope to better educate the student body as a whole about where our student activity fees go as well as how to access them! One of my initiatives I'm currently passionate about is improving finals study spaces, and I can't wait to see what other large-scale initiatives our new exec team will dive into this coming year."

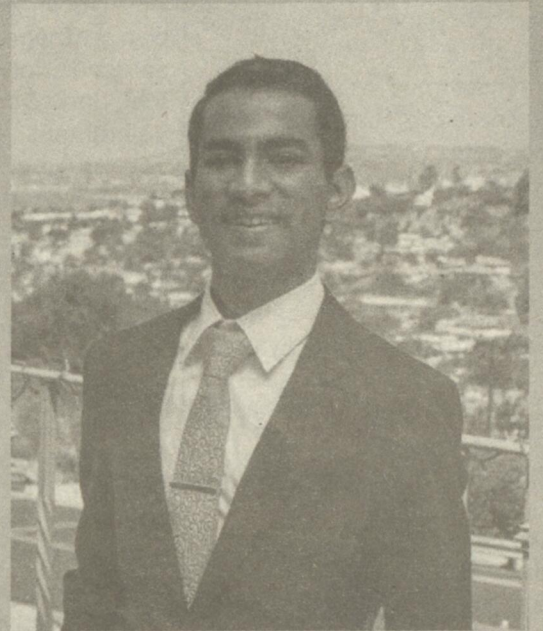
Fun Fact: "I got a kitten this past week! His name is Sebastian and he is 9 weeks old."



Danny McConville
Position: AS Communications Chair
Year: Incoming Senior

Hoping to Accomplish: "I hope to bring a better understanding to the USD students about what AS does."

Fun Fact: "I can whistle while smiling."



Shalin Shah
Position: AS Speaker of the Senate
Year: Incoming Senior

Hoping to Accomplish: "I have a few things in mind that I hope to accomplish. First, I want to make Senate stronger and more connected to the student body, ranging from how to run trainings to how we can change the structure, and to include representatives from areas of campus that seem to have less of a voice. Some of the initiatives I would like to push forward next year include school spirit such as re-envisioning the mascot and implementing student tailgates with 21+ areas. I also want to push forward transparency, with specific ideas such as publishing details about the University's budget to make available to the student body."

Fun Fact: "I really like Cinnamon Toast Crunch and also cinnamon toast. I also enjoy singing while driving."

“Hello USD, welcome to my crib”

It's not every day that a university president opens their home to people they are unfamiliar with, let alone two students. Some University of San Diego students have long awaited the opportunity to gain entrance into the home of the USD president, hoping to get the grand tour.

James T. Harris, PhD. is wrapping up his first year as president of USD. A large number of students, faculty, and staff have acknowledged him as one of the most socially aware, personable, kindhearted, and actively participating presidents in the history of the school.

President Harris expressed gratitude and appreciation for a comfortable, pleasant transition into USD.

“It has been terrific fun to join the USD community, and the students have been wonderful,” Harris said. “Most of my surprises have been pleasant ones, especially working with our student leaders and discovering how much our students really do embody the changemaker spirit.”

President Harris changed the status quo and let two student journalists into his home for an MTV Cribs style visit with sophistication and class. The president willingly answered questions, allowed for photo ops, discussed the importance behind some of the objects in his home, and showed off the newest member of the Harris family, Ruby Rosebud, a golden doodle puppy.

His home, located near Bert's Bistro, stands on USD property, yet is a gated getaway from campus life. The exterior of the house does not match the same Spanish style architectural aesthetic that the rest of the campus buildings maintain. It is a one-level, modest-sized home with kayaks, outside courtyards, and an open living room space.

The front yard is lined with a variety of trees, bird of paradise flowers, a lemon tree, and offers space for entertaining purposes. The remarkable view is also worth mentioning. President Harris takes advantage of this space when hosting occasional gatherings for athletes, board of trustee members, alumni, close friends, and family.

Inside, President Harris and his wife Mary have a collection of paintings from their travels and from accomplished artist friends they've maintained strong ties with through the years. He lit up when discussing travel artifacts, literature, biographies, and his family heirloom, a petite cherry-wood stained rocking chair.

The kitchen boasts a large island in the center of the room, with stainless steel appliances and built-in wine cooler. From a glance, the double door fridge contained nothing out of the ordinary: juice, condiments, cheese, vegetables, and other perishables.

Although President Harris seems to maintain a healthy diet of fruits and vegetables based on the contents of his kitchen, he was quick to announce his love for Mexican cuisine.

“My biggest adjustment has been trying to say no to the great Mexican food in San Diego, it's that good,” Harris said.

During our sit down, informal interview, President Harris talked about subjects such as his current reads and his love for writing, as well as enhancing school spirit, the significance of alumni graduate participation and support, and his recent stint with jury duty.

In addition, he openly discussed his frequent travels with the purpose of fundraising and advocating for increased financial aid services in order to establish accessibility for all.

“We need to continue to do everything we can to help make USD more affordable so that every qualified student who wishes to join our academic community can do so regardless of their ability to pay,” Harris said.

He mentioned two more challenges USD will continue to prioritize over the next few years.

“Another priority will be to intensify our efforts to become a more diverse and inclusive university,” Harris said. “A third priority will be to become more deeply engaged in San Diego. All of these efforts will help us fulfill our mission as a contemporary Catholic university and raise our national profile.”

President Harris is a busy man. So busy, in fact, that during the brief walk to his home, a small group of students and one faculty member stopped him in his tracks. They proceeded by excitedly handing him a sealed invitation to attend an upcoming event. He acknowledged and listened to them wholeheartedly but requested they schedule it with his secretary Elaine.

Even with last minute notices and invitations, he somehow finds a way to recognize and incorporate the majority of requests into his full schedule, whether if it's a student, faculty, staff member, or even a request for an MTV Cribs walk-through of his home.

Before wrapping up the conversation, President Harris was eager to impart one final statement before continuing with his daily activities.

“If I can add one last quote it would be to thank our students for their warm Torero welcome and for embracing me as your new president,” Harris said. “I pledge to do my best to help USD reach its full potential in the years ahead.”

His welcoming attitude, genuine excitement, firm handshake, and desire to listen to and learn from those around him make Harris truly unique as a university president.

The future continues to look bright for President Harris, and the USD community can't wait to see what he will do next.



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STAGE COACH SHINES AGAIN

Country music fans from all across the nation gathered in Indio, CA to experience one of the most anticipated festivals of this genre: Stagecoach. The three-day extravaganza has everything that country fans could dream of. It also attracts people who aren't particularly devout listeners of the music, but simply want to enjoy the warm California sun with their friends. Stagecoach sold out this year with 75,000 fans in attendance per day, one year after being the third highest grossing festival in the world. Coachella, which is also in Indio, CA, and Outside Lands in San Francisco, CA were the only festivals that outgrossed it, according to the Los Angeles Times.

In previous years, the weather has posed a problem for those who do not hydrate properly, with temperatures climbing into the upper 90s. This year, the temperature hovered around 85 degrees during the middle of the day and didn't detract from all the magic that Stagecoach had to offer. The lineup was very appealing and featured many performers who have never sang at this festival in the past, including two huge surprises.

As the sun set on Friday night, Sam Hunt told the crowd that he had a few very close friends in attendance. Before country fans knew it, up-and-coming rapper, G Eazy, walked onto the stage with fellow performer Bebe Rexha to put a little twist on the evening. When two sang their latest hit, "Me, Myself, and I," the crowd couldn't help but enjoy the surprise. After, Hunt announced that he had something else up his sleeve that nobody would have ever guessed. Cordozar Broadus Jr., better known as Snoop Dogg, walked out from backstage and energized the audience in a way most Stagecoach-goers are not familiar with. He sang a crowd favorite, "Drop It Like It's Hot" and proved to have a very versatile fan base, as a majority of the crowd sang every word. Hunt left a great first impression with his act and became a huge talking point of this year's festival.

Senior Phillip Juarez was shocked at this guest appearance and appreciated how dynamic Sam Hunt's set really was.

"G Eazy and Snoop Dogg guest appearing was definitely the last thing everyone was expecting but it was awesome to see a mixing of music culture," Juarez said. "It set the stage for one awesome weekend!"

Day two was equally as entertaining and the main performers pulled on the heartstrings of those in attendance through emotional song choices. The Band Perry sang a few very sentimental songs such as, "If I Die Young" and "All Your Life" that set a calm tone as couples, friends, and new acquaintances swayed from side to side. This was a nice change of pace compared to the rowdiness of many other performers earlier that day, including Joe Nichols and Chris Stapleton. The headliner of Saturday was former American Idol winner and now country music sensation, Carrie Underwood, who knows how to get people out of their seats. One of her more famous songs, "Before He Cheats" had many people screaming at the stage with ravage emotion, and many boyfriends in the crowd were shaking in their boots.

Senior Meghan McCalla thought Carrie's performance was one of the highlights of the weekend due to such a powerful stage presence.

"Carrie was amazing!" McCalla said. "I was able to see Carrie a few years ago when Hunter Hayes brought her on stage for a song but this year was incredible. Love her music and her voice but I definitely loved her kicking off her shoes to get down in her bedazzled jeans onstage."

Stagecoach saved the best for last. Luke Bryan returned to the spotlight after taking a year off from the festival in 2015. Bryan was completely in his element as the crowd belted out song after song. He joined fans in celebrating with a few drinks onstage. Fans didn't want the night to end because the energy that came with his performance completely captivated the audience. He had the audience dancing in the aisles, arms wrapped around each other as the legendary weekend came to a close. Fans appreciated that he played so many of his top hits from the past five years and it was obvious how many people are obsessed with him and his songs.

Overall, the ninth annual Stagecoach festival was one for the books and lived up to the expectations that so many die-hard fans had coming into the weekend. The performances were captivating, the sun was shining, the drinks were cold, and new friendships were formed. Until next year, Stagecoach.



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Closing time



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I used to roll my eyes when people would tell me to take everything in because time travels fast. Now, I am halfway done with my college experience and I feel like it was just yesterday that my parents dropped me off in Maher circle. When I look back to that day, I feel like I am looking at a completely different person. I had no idea what was to come and no clue about the memories I would make, friendships I would form, things I would get involved in, and the experiences I would have. In so many ways I am envious of the incoming first year class and the fact that they get to do it all for the first time.

So far, each year has had a completely different feeling to it and I am excited about what is to come. Right now I am trying to appreciate the small things that I usually take for granted because it will never be exactly the same again. I want to cherish the nights in my living room with my roommates because it will be a while until we are all together again. I want to enjoy the once frustrating idea of living on campus because housing will never be that simple. I want to stop moving at 100 miles an hour and spend more quality time with the people I care about. Finally, I want to enjoy these classes and the professors who have driven me. Now that I am fully aware of how quickly time travels, I want to slow it down and take it in.

It is not a bad thing that with a new year comes change. Scary? A little bit, but not bad. Change can be a good thing because it teaches us to adapt. It is just something that we have to adjust to and learn from before moving forward. If every year was exactly the same, we would get tired and bored. Rather than dwell on and dread the changes to come, I want to look forward to them and hope for the best. When I think about how nervous I was to leave my freshman year behind, I am even more conflicted walking away from this year. I cannot even imagine what it will be like when I (hopefully) walk across that stage at graduation.

Rather than ignore all of the advice from others to slow down and take it all in, I am going to try to consciously soak up every last minute. I would rather seem silly doing this than look back one day and regret not appreciating it. As it turns out, these four years fly by quicker than I could have ever imagined.

USD is toning their core

Breaking down the new core curriculum coming Fall 2017

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Just in time for summer, the University of San Diego's core curriculum is becoming toned, tightened, and leaner. With changes coming primarily to the ethics and theology departments, there will be a new set of requirements for students starting with the incoming first year class of 2017. Unfortunately, none of the changes will be applicable to any current Toreros but it may affect the faculty and classes we have to choose from in the near future.

It has taken about five years for this process to come full circle with numerous opinions from faculty, students, and the Board of Trustees. In short, the goal of changing the curriculum was to reduce the core requirements so that students have fewer classes outside of their chosen fields of study that they are required to take. This provides more space for students to take the electives they are interested in or continue to take more classes within their major or minor. With this new plan, future Toreros may have a much more diverse college experience with increased freedom

varying backgrounds and specialties, each department felt that their subject matter was a crucial part of the core curriculum that should not be questioned. It was important that all three of the colleges — Business, Engineering, and the College of Arts and Sciences — agreed on the plan since regardless of major, all students must participate in the same core curriculum. The purpose of having core requirements is to establish a strong base for students to grow from into their desired field of study.

After much deliberation between the committee and three colleges, USD arrived at a final agreement. This proposal includes changes in the English, logic, theology, social science, and science departments. With this new plan, students will no longer have to take English 121 (Composition and Literature), but rather engage in the First Year Writing Experience. The logic requirement has been scrapped as professors agree that students receive their critical thinking skills through a variety of other classes. There is now one less theology requirement; however, one of these theology requirements

who are considered to be scientifically illiterate. Some science professors argue that students need a background in both a physical and life science to have a solid base of science education.

Sophomore and biology major Lauren Ryskamp shares why she believes the new changes to the science requirement are valid.

"In my opinion, if you do not consider yourself a science person and are a non-

for students," Moran said. "At the end of the day, we are trying to be more purposeful in helping students see how the classes they are taking in the core requirements relate to the major and what it means to be a good citizen."

I see a great amount of benefit in the changes coming to USD. Often students are weighed down with the seemingly insignificant requirements of some of our core classes. This new and

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- Kristin Moran

science major, taking extra classes in both of the sciences do not seem that beneficial," Ryskamp said. "While it is important to be a well rounded student, having either a life or physical science will not make that big of a difference."

One of the biggest changes coming to the new curriculum is the way students are able to earn their ethics requirement. Currently, the ethics course must be taken through the philosophy department. Now it will be possible to satisfy this requirement through any department of choice as long as it is an ethics course. This means that classes such as business ethics, leadership ethics, and research ethics may count towards satisfying the ethics requirement as well as a major/minor requirement.

After the initial voting in Fall 2014, this plan was approved by the faculty and Board of Trustees. From here, any final edits were made and some smaller details were negotiated. These were mostly concerning diversity and social justice issues and the ethics course requirement. On Friday, April 29, undergraduate faculty passed the core with 77 percent in favor and 23 percent opposed. The new core curriculum will officially be in place for the incoming class of 2017.

Kristin Moran, PhD., is the special assistant to the dean and core director. Moran shared her excitement of the new program and the benefits she believes it will bring to students and their college experience.

"Ultimately I think that most of the faculty are excited that this new core curriculum is updating the experience

refreshing plan highlights what students need to be successful during college and even post-college while offering the freedom to take more of what we want and need. This plan may open up the potential for more students to go abroad, which I believe is a far more beneficial learning experience than any logic class or life science.

Moran expressed how the classes that are still required in the core curriculum will benefit students in the long run.

"The things that employers want to see most are the things that we have kept in the core curriculum," Moran said. "They want students that are able to think critically, communicate efficiently, and solve problems. The core requirements will ultimately give students the ability to practice those skills."

It is understandable why many professors defend their departments and the classes they believe are necessary for students to take. However, by this age students should begin to focus on what interests them. Often times the extra requirements become a distraction and source of frustration.

I will admit that I unfortunately select many of my core requirements based off of factors such as difficulty, what fits my schedule, and friends I can take a class with. With fewer requirements, students may feel as though these classes are less forced, and begin to enjoy them more. Although these changes do not directly affect me, I am excited for the new students. The experiences and freedoms they will have when selecting their classes, and allows them to personalize their skillset.

First-Year LLC	1 course in Fall, 1 in Spring; count toward other Core requirements
Competencies	
First-Year Writing	1 course (3 units)
Advanced Writing	Flagged course
Mathematical Reasoning & Problem Solving	1 course (3 units)
Second Language	0-3 courses (0-9 units)
Oral Communication	Embedded in courses
Critical Thinking and Information Literacy	Embedded in courses
Quantitative Reasoning	Embedded in courses
Foundations	
Theological and Religious Inquiry	2 courses (6 units)
Philosophical Inquiry	1 course (3 units)
Ethical Inquiry	1 course (3 units)
Diversity, Inclusion, and Social Justice	2 flagged courses
Explorations	
Scientific and Technological Inquiry	1 course including lab (3-4 units)
Historical Inquiry	1 course (3 units)
Social and Behavioral Inquiry	1 course (3 units)
Literary Inquiry	1 course (3 units)
Artistic Inquiry	1 course (3 units)
Core Project	1 course (variable units); may count toward other Core requirements or other undergraduate requirements
TOTAL NUMBER OF UNITS	33 - 43 units
	3 Flags and Core Project are intended to be double counted, but may add units

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The first year layout plan for the new core curriculum may be accessed on the USD website.

when choosing their classes.

When this process began, the Core Planning Committee drew up their first proposal for the new curriculum. After deliberation, the committee had the initial plan written up to distribute to everyone from faculty to student groups on campus. With hundreds of professors coming from

must now be Catholic-based as a way to continue and strengthen the University's Catholic roots. Finally, there will be one less social science and one less science requirement. The elimination of one science requirement has been quite controversial considering the extensive research that shows the amount of Americans

Senior spotlight: our final words

Finding home in SLP 403B

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When I was hunting for colleges four years ago, University of California schools captivated my attention. As a high school senior, I sought the authentic college experience on a bustling campus with endless opportunities. However, my mother suggested USD, a school that prides itself on treating students like a person instead of a number.

Despite offers from the big leagues, I enrolled at USD to ensure a college experience nestled in a supportive community. Yet, I couldn't quite find the connection I came for. My classes were filled with people I had nothing in common with, other than our shared major. My federal work study job stuck me in a local elementary school, which surrounded me with 5-year-old peers all afternoon. My individuality complex kept me from rushing a sorority, leaving me without any sisters or a social life.

I started to sense that USD wasn't the right fit for me. The university's small size only made me feel smaller, and I felt like I was drowning.

Then, an e-mail arrived in my inbox. The school newspaper was seeking editors for the upcoming year, and urged contributing writers to apply. I knew the chances were slim, but I applied anyway. Hands shaking, I walked away from my interview thinking I had blown it. But the next day, a phone call invited me to the Vista office with open arms.

A lot has changed these past four years, but one aspect has remained the same: every Tuesday from 12 p.m. to 9-ish p.m. I could be found in the Vista office. In SLP 403B, I am surrounded by a group of students who share my love for print media. We are the storytellers, the investigative reporters, the sentence crafters, the layout masters, the

photoshop wizards, and the deadline cravers. While we all come from different parts of campus, we come together each Tuesday to put together a 16-page paper, which takes pieces of each of our hearts and puts them together into a physical piece of art.

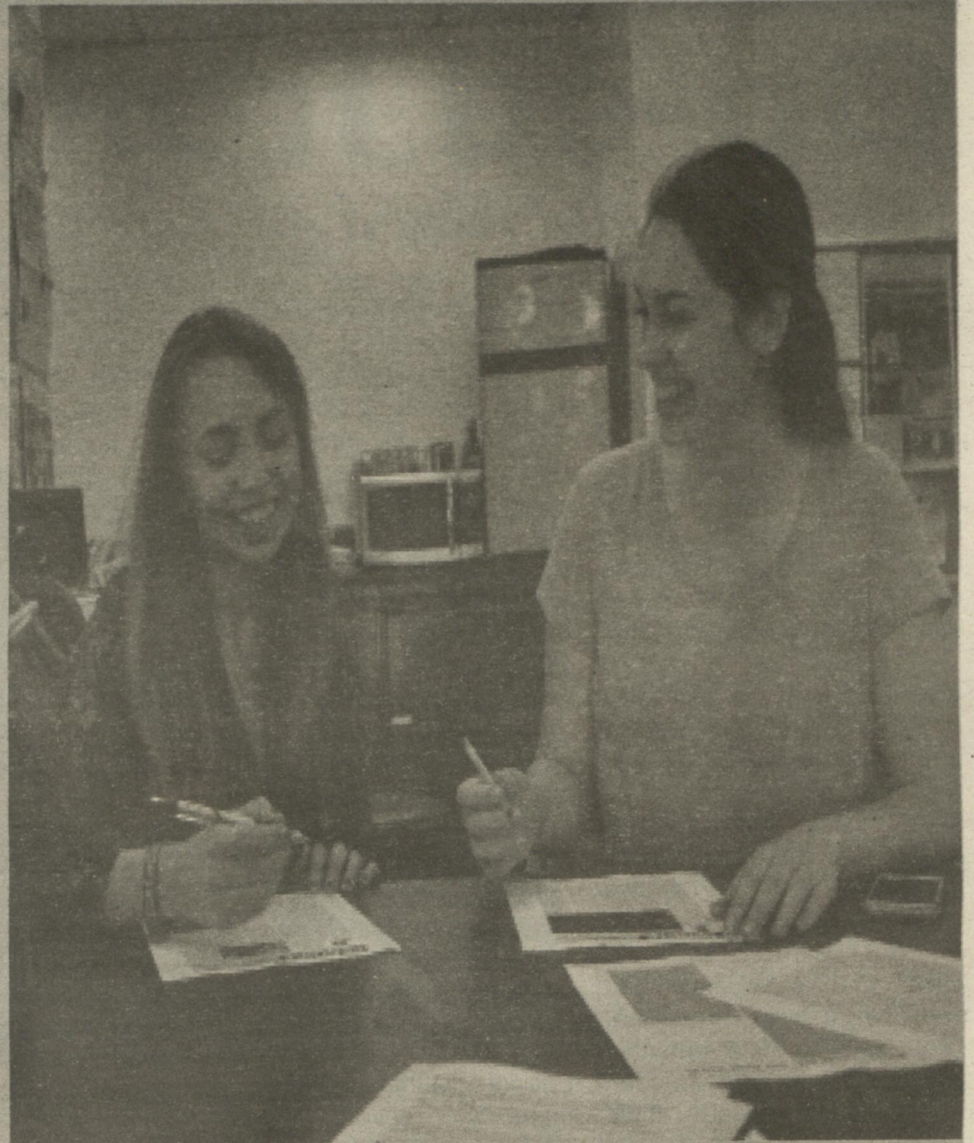
Now I'm not ignorant; I know that print media is dying, or at least changing, with the introduction of the digital age. I know most USD students would rather pick up their iPhones and like pictures on Instagram than pick up a newspaper and immerse themselves in our words. When I see stacks of unwanted papers form mountains on the newsstands, passed by students with their eyes glued to their smartphones, I'm reminded of the facts.

But when I walk into The USD Vista office, those facts don't matter. I found a space on campus where the air is full of hard work and hope for the future of journalism.

Every Tuesday I am surrounded by a group of people who love, support, and guide me through times of professional and personal uncertainty. On paper we may be colleagues, but in the office we are more than just a staff. Through the hours of sweat and tears, these individuals have become some of my closest friends.

The USD Vista office has become my home, and its residents are now my family. Through all the ups and downs of my last four years, the folks in SLP 403B have always been there for me. I appreciate everything that each individual has done for me, one another, and the newspaper that we somehow always manage to produce before that midnight deadline strikes.

To all of you Vista-ers — past and present — thank you. Although graduation will soon separate us, when I look back on my four years in school, these times with you will be my fondest college memories. As I immerse myself into the adult world, I hope to find another community half as wonderful as ours.



Dreaming of goodbye

LAURA TRESSEL
COPY EDITOR

Although Mondays are the most commonly hated weekday, I do like one thing about them: listening to my newly revised Spotify Discover Weekly playlist. This Monday I sat down to write this and eagerly clicked the play button, wondering if it would be a good week for randomly selected music, or if I would revert to playing my old Avril Lavigne albums.

"Hey now, hey now, don't dream it's over."

The ironic first song on my Discover Weekly playlist drove that sharp spike of nostalgia deeper into my already pained chest. Well, it is over. There's no denying it. This is my final issue working as the Copy Editor for The USD Vista. I'm sad. Forget graduation — that's something I'm excited for — the sadness stems from knowing that I'll be leaving behind the most amazing work experience I've ever had.

Last year around this time, I saw a Facebook post announcing that The Vista was hiring. After years of finding joy from noticing typos in my textbooks, I decided to put my editing skills to use and applied for the Copy Editor position. I was both excited and nervous when I got an email saying the job was mine. I had the idea in my head that these people were a well-oiled machine, working together in sync to churn out the polished content of our school's newspaper, and I didn't want to mess that up.

Well, this year I've found out that "well-oiled machine" is not even close to the right description of our office. It is loud, hectic, at times messy, and always surprising. Clearly, I fit right in.

Despite being one of the newer members of the Vista family, I feel like this is a group of people with whom I truly belong. The hours we spend

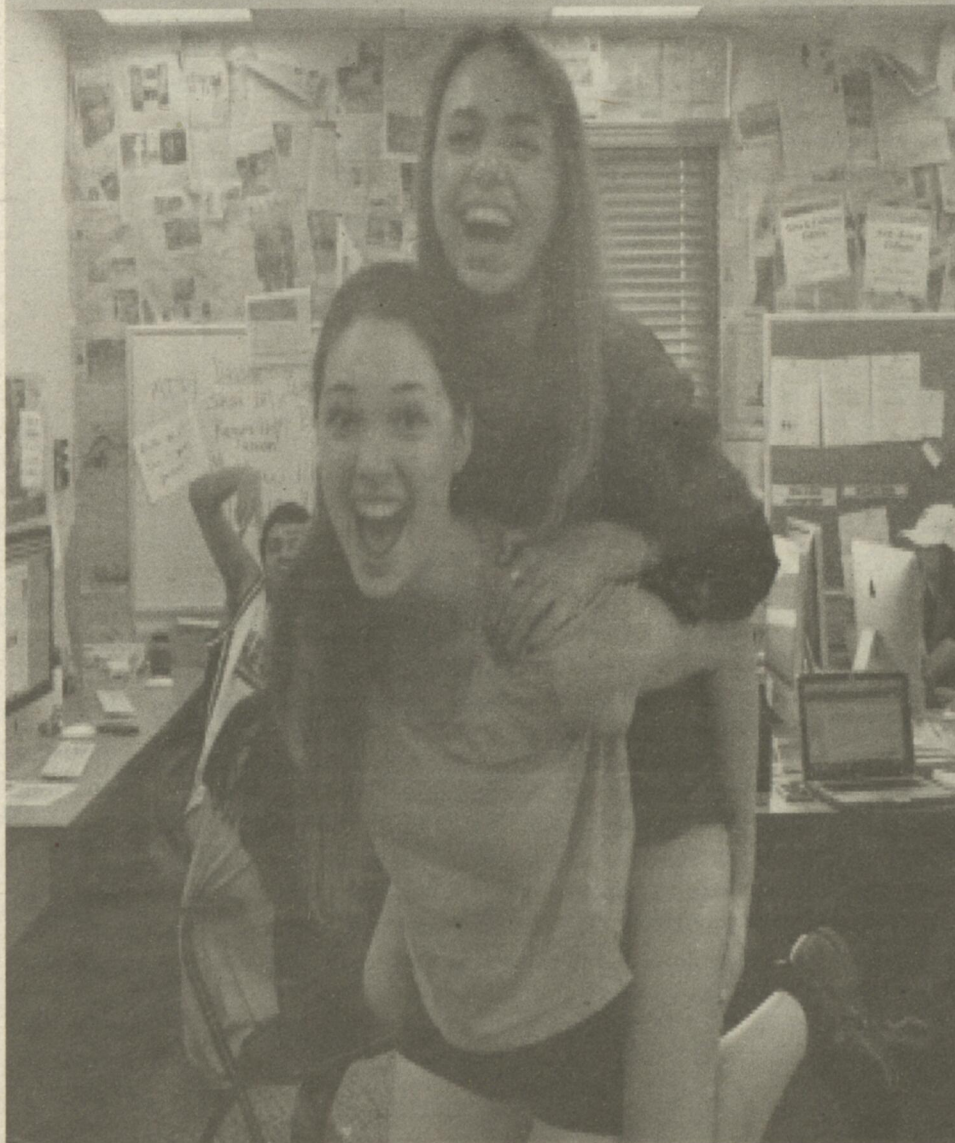
trapped in the time-warping office in the SLP are moments I will cherish forever. Sure, I might have wished some nights went smoother and quicker than they did, but looking back I love the times we all set aside our work to sing at the top of our lungs, chase our fluffy mascot Pepper around the office, rant about the newest celebrity gossip, and watch pointless yet hilarious YouTube videos.

Now, as I look back at these fond memories and let the sadness soak in, I realize that the dream isn't over. In fact, the dream is ongoing. Life is unexpected, and no matter how hard we try to plan it out, things never really turn out how we envision. A year ago, I had no idea that I would discover so much enjoyment and enlightenment through my love of correcting other people's grammar.

The song that seems more appropriate as I look forward to my future is the classic adventurers' anthem from "The Lizzie McGuire Movie": "Hey now, hey now, this is what dreams are made of!"

After graduation I will be heading overseas to try my hand at teaching English and fitting into the Italian lifestyle. Just as when I got the email from Hunter offering me the Copy Editor position, I feel nervous and excited about this post-grad opportunity. However, this time I know not to dive too deep into my preconceived notions. The truth will only be revealed once I'm there. The truth I learned from working at The USD Vista is that print may be dying, but journalism isn't. I learned that work doesn't seem like a task when you share an office with your closest friends.

Thank you to all the editors, assistant editors, and especially the executive team for giving me this space to learn and grow with you. Thank you to those who read The USD Vista, no matter how often. You have all made this experience a dream for me, one that I will carry with me through the rest of life's unexpected adventures.



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Op-ed from Vista alum

Making Linda Vista a safer street for University of San Diego students

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Standing in the middle of Linda Vista Road, with a hundred or so cars whizzing by me in both directions and only a couple of yellow lines to separate us, I used to wonder what the chances were that one of those cars would barrel into me.

Luckily for me, I graduated from the University of San Diego in 2015 without an incident, making it through two years of playing a life-sized game of Frogger across that road in an effort to shave several minutes off of my commute to class.

But when I saw the news that a woman had been struck by a car on that street causing life-threatening injuries, it made me shudder.

A similar tragedy could easily happen any day to a USD student walking to class. Linda Vista Road's inaccessibility to pedestrians is a public safety hazard that USD needs to address immediately. Our university needs to add a crosswalk

with a traffic light between the West Entrance and the Main Entrance to campus.

Take a look at Linda Vista Road on any given school day around its intersections with Goshen Street, Brunner Street, or Colusa Street, and there's a strong possibility you will see students with backpacks strapped to their backs, standing like Olympic hurdlers to prepare for a mad dash across the road.

That's because for many students who live in the neighborhood south of Linda Vista Road – and no, I don't mean the Carmel Pacific Ridge apartments – the two main entrances to USD are not easy options to access campus. There is no crosswalk for a half-mile between USD's West Entrance and its Main Entrance, in the span of which there are several blocks' worth of apartments south of Linda Vista Road, including USD's own University Terrace Apartments.

Instead, for the students who live in that area, the easiest entryways to campus are either a staircase between

Goshen Street and Brunner Street leading to Loma Hall, or a lesser-known dirt path leading to the Shiley Center for Science and Technology.

It's much easier to do a quick sprint across the road to get to one of these entrances instead of a roundabout U-turn to go to the crosswalk at the school's main entrance, or to go on an even more circuitous route to the West Entrance followed by a steep climb up a hill to the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice.

The lack of pedestrian infrastructure on Linda Vista Road turns the street into a speedway in between the two existing traffic lights, encouraging cars to travel well above the posted 40 mph speed limit, which is already too high for a road that is straddled on both sides by USD buildings.

Granted, our campus has a unique layout. Its linear shape and hilly features really don't make a walking commute convenient for anyone. But when students are putting their lives in danger to get to class, the university needs to find a

way to make those trips safer.

Tim O'Malley, vice president for University Relations, acknowledged that those students have been a concern of the school's for at least the past two years.

"We see them every day – morning, noon, and night jaywalking across," O'Malley said.

In my opinion, labeling these students as jaywalkers, is not the right approach to take.

O'Malley related an adage among university planners: when building a university, don't build the sidewalks before the students have arrived. Let the students determine their pathways, and then build the infrastructure around their footsteps.

As the neighborhood across Linda Vista fills with more students, their footsteps are telling a story. Maybe they are jaywalking, but they only jaywalk because the university and the City of San Diego have not provided adequate infrastructure for pedestrians.

However, the university is headed on the right track.

O'Malley said that

administrators have been in talks with the city for at least two years to install some sort of pedestrian infrastructure on Linda Vista Road, possibly at the intersection with Goshen Street.

According to O'Malley, city officials said the only viable option would be a traffic light, but a project like that would be low on the city's list of infrastructure priorities. In other words, the university would have to raise the funds itself if it wanted to convince the city to install a traffic light.

The time to do that is now.

When I crossed Linda Vista Road every single day for two years, I knew that I was taking a risk. But it should not have been a risk I or any other students had to take in the first place.

These students' footsteps are telling us the paths they take to commute to our university. If USD chooses to ignore them, someday we will have a campus tragedy.

And it will only take one errant driver checking their phone for that tragedy to happen.

A letter from the editor



To The USD Vista Staff 2015-16,

As I think back to the beginning of my college career, I can honestly say that the best decision I made during my time at USD was joining the school newspaper. Not only have I learned so much about the art of conversation and journalism, but I have also gained some of my most valuable friendships and experiences that will be with me long after this issue is taken off of the stands. I want to wholeheartedly thank every person on my staff for all of the hard

work and dedication that you have put in this year. To the contributors, assistants, editors, executive team, and our USD Vista advisors, I am so blessed to have gained so many new perspectives about local, national, and global issues. We helped each other grow to reach our potential. I hope you know that I appreciate the time we've spent together. There is truly something special about SLP 403B because that room creates friendships and forms a family in a way I haven't seen in a long time. You'd think that being in one room for 9 hours straight in one day would drive

someone crazy, but I looked forward to that time every Tuesday because of the people I'd get to spend time with. We vary in age, gender, major, personality, and music taste, but we share one love for this newspaper and for our squad. I am honored to have been Editor in Chief this year and wouldn't have wanted to spend my senior year of college doing anything else.

Sincerely,
Hunter Jameson
Editor in Chief

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Changing tech market creates Apple turnover

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Apple products such as iPhones, iPads, and Macbooks are seen all around the University of San Diego, as well as on college campuses throughout the country. However, despite their continued popularity, this trend may begin to change in the near future.

On Tuesday, April 26, Apple Inc. released the financial statement of its most recent quarter, and the results were not promising. It recorded a 13 percent drop in its average sales revenue.

According to The Guardian, this is the first decline in revenue Apple has experienced in 13 years.

Market analysts presume that a part of this decline in sales is rooted in China, one of Apple's main product target markets. China's once bustling economy has now become tumultuous and unstable, resulting in a steep decrease in the amount of sales in Apple's diverse product lines, particularly with iPhones.

Apple's lowered revenue is expected to continue, which has its shareholders more than hesitant to purchase new stock in the company.

The bulk of Apple's revenue is generated from

the sale of iPhones. The face of the company rests heavily on the continued success of this featured product.

The company has raked in over \$32.9 billion in revenue from iPhone sales so far this year, with total sales, including all of its other products, adding up to \$50.6 billion.

Another reason Apple is beginning to experience a decrease in revenue is due to loss of sales to other companies. Other tech giants such as Samsung and IBM continue to grow in their popularity and range of products.

Competing products such as Samsung's popular water-resistant S7 phone have some people questioning whether Apple is still a leader in technological innovation.

For the last decade, Apple has been known as a leader in technological innovation, but the release of products such as the Apple Watch and Apple TV haven't been as successful as the company had originally anticipated. Products including these have not helped propel the company forward financially. In the wake of stiff competition, Apple is pressured to continue to be innovative, even at the risk of creating products such as these that fail to bring in sizable revenues.

Senior Ghazal Babai explained why she chose

to purchase an iPhone.

"I chose the iPhone because it seemed that there are more applications available for it," Babai said. "I have an HP laptop, but I already knew how to operate the iPhone from using other Apple products so I felt that it would just be an easy transition."

Babai also shared her opinion on the state of Apple's decline.

"I think it's very possible that a competitor such as

phone over Apple's iPhone.

"I have the Samsung Galaxy Note 5," Claudio said. "I chose it because of its specs,

"Apple has a very strong following and it is always at the front of the tech industry."

-Claudio Trespalacios

like its better camera, longer battery life, operating system, and its hardware, such as its design and the stylus pen."

Trespalacios also expressed his opinion about

company who could replace them would be Samsung but I don't see it happening anytime soon unless Apple

messed up and doesn't fix their current problems."

According to The Guardian, Apple CEO Tim Cook has addressed Apple's recent decline and shareholder's fears about the future financial success of the company.

"Despite the pause in our growth, our results reflect excellent execution by our team despite strong macroeconomic headwinds in most of the world," Cook said.

Regardless of the company's financial slump, Cook remains optimistic about the future of Apple.

Despite the company's recent financial decline and uncertain future, Apple products are still widely popular with USD students and faculty, as well as on other college campuses. Apple Inc. is currently the most valuable publicly-traded company in the world, but if its revenues continue to fall, this may soon change. With the impending release of the iPhone 7, only time will tell if the company will be able to maintain their innovative and competitive edge.

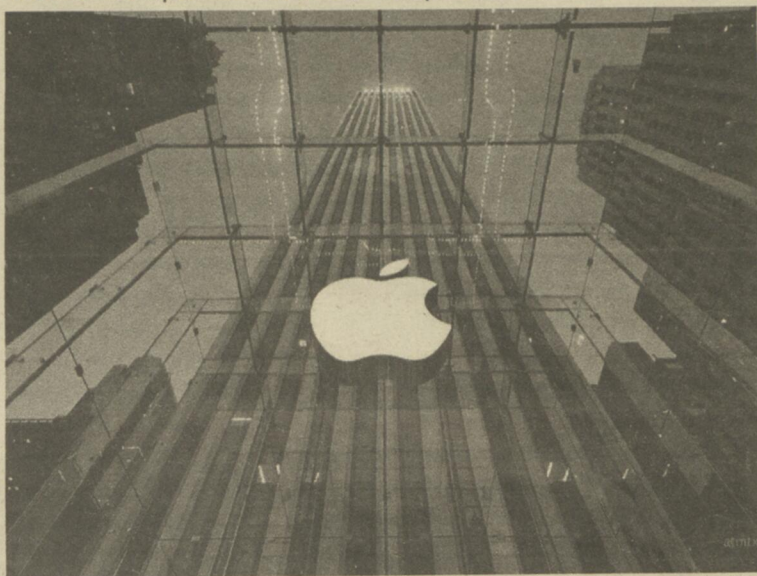


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Toreros are questioning if Apple is still a leader in the tech world.

Samsung can soon beat out Apple," Babai said. "However, I think Apple will always remain in the top three tech companies. Hashtag product loyalty."

Senior Claudio Trespalacios shared why he chose a Samsung

whether Samsung could one day replace Apple as the foremost leader in technological innovation.

"I don't know," Trespalacios said. "Apple has a very strong following and it is always at the front of the tech industry. The only

Donut Bar is expected to franchise

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Donut Bar has been listed as the number one donut shop by USA Today, Thrillist, MSN, and many other nationally-acclaimed news organizations and blogs. Donut Bar is located in Downtown San Diego and will soon be selling more than just their nationally-recognized doughnuts.

Donut Bar was initially opened by husband and wife Santiago Campa and Wendy Bartels, two California natives, who decided to leave their motorcycle business behind to start their doughnut shop.

Currently, Donut Bar has three locations. The original location opened in San Diego's downtown neighborhood in March of 2013. The second location is in San Diego's International Airport inside terminal 2. The newest one is in the heart of Downtown Las Vegas. The owner, Santiago Campa, announced his plans to franchise the store to as many as 20 new locations over the next three years.

Donut Bar is known for its delicious doughnuts, with unique flavor combinations including Pop-Tart, apple

fritter, and maple bacon.

Some say this will be a great pairing for the doughnuts.

Santiago Campa spoke to The San Diego Tribune about his plans for business.

"There's a hipster kind of feel to getting your doughnut and your beer," Campa said.

Surprisingly enough, doughnuts and beer go together. Last year we did 15 to 20 night openings in

"I think that once people start having beers, they will end up craving a donut, which in result drives up more sales," Bubnack said.

Bubnack believes that Donut Bar should implement a nightly happy-hour.

"I know that if my friends and I go out for craft beer at Donut Bar, we will most likely purchase a donut to go with it," Bubnack says.



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Owner Santiago Campa gives warm smiles and donuts to his loyal customers.

the summer, and whenever we'd announce that opening, they would flock."

Senior Katie Bubnack shared her thoughts on the expanding menu.

Bubnack and her friends may not hesitate to pair their doughnut with a beer, but senior Jamie Bouras plans to visit Donut Bar for doughnuts alone.

"We already have so many craft beer places in San Diego," Bouras says. "It's not that I don't like craft beer but I already feel guilty about eating a donut due to its high number of calories. I feel like

"Donut Bar has plans to franchise to as many as 20 new locations over the next three years."

if I pair a beer with a donut, I will end up feeling sick".

Obesity is known to be a widespread problem in the United States, and those who acknowledge the obesity problem in the US believe that pairing a beer with a doughnut will only make the obesity epidemic worsen.

According to The San Diego Union Tribune, the plan is to continue to open the store early in the morning and remain open until 11 a.m.

Additionally, Donut Bar would then reopen around 5 or 6 p.m. and close around midnight or 1 a.m.

The owners are in the process of finalizing the paperwork and hope to start franchising next month.

Campa and Bartels are estimating buildout costs for each location to be around

\$200,000, with a franchising fee of about \$25,000 to \$40,000.

Due to their plans to now sell craft beer, Campa expects to spend up to \$250,000 on the expansion of his current Donut Bar.

Senior Lauren Gutierrez believes that the Donut Bar's franchising is a great idea.

"Every time I have visited, the line is out the door," Gutierrez said. "Given its huge popularity and many positive reviews from celebrities, like Ellen DeGeneres, I am confident that this will be great business for the owners."

Donut Bar plans to franchise in as many as 20 new locations, which Campa has dubbed destination cities. Donut Bar has already been "voted as America's best Donut Shop" by Thrillist, and therefore has the potential to become America's best place for craft beer.

The continued success of Donut Bar can be attributed to the patrons that have been loyal since its beginning in 2013, including many Toreros.

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The USD shark tank is finally here with V2

Student-entrepreneurs battled for the highest financial backing from angel investors

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The journey of an entrepreneur is anything but an easy one. Every year for the past five years, the University of San Diego School of Business has hosted an event unlike any other, with the sole purpose of educating, coaching, and supporting student-entrepreneurs.

The Venture Vetting competition is commonly referred to as the V2 competition. The goal of this event is to foster a community of entrepreneurs in an attempt to develop new products, services, and ideas. With the help of professional mentorship and months of training, one would assume that the student-entrepreneurs would breeze right through their presentations.

Actually, that's far from the truth. The number of entrants tripled and the prize-fund shot through the roof, giving the V2 pitch competition more legitimacy than ever before. The high stakes never phased the sold-out crowd the pressure seemed to take a toll on the student-entrepreneurs.

This year's V2 competition was held at the Peace and Justice theater inside the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice, also known as KIPJ, on Thursday, April 28.

Junior Max Cardinale attended the V2 competition and shared his thoughts on the event and the opportunities it provides for aspiring entrepreneurs.

"This is the first networking event I've been to on campus," Cardinale said. "I thought it was a great event because it allowed students from all over to showcase their entrepreneurial ideas as well as their endeavors. It also allowed students to network and earn the opportunity to work with investors on the big stage."

The evening started off with the USD entrepreneur venture fair. This is where student-entrepreneurs who did not make it as one of the final eight contestants had the opportunity to showcase their ideas.

Sophomore Connor Spencer is majoring in electrical engineering and explains his journey with his newest project, the BoltBand.

"You know, it started off as a small project," Spencer said. "BoltBand's primary use is to track barbell trajectory during

Olympic lifting exercises. I created it because I saw a need for a device like this in my own training regimen for football. I started to learn more about open source electronics, and learned the things I needed to make my first prototype of BoltBand."

Michael Lawless, PhD., leads the entrepreneurship initiatives at the School of Business. Since he founded it in 2011, Lawless has since tripled the scale of the V2 pitch competition.

Lawless elaborated on how he's been able to create and expand the V2 pitch competition while also

U.S. bordering cities is a \$230 billion economy. We want to encourage character, trust, and passion by pushing for a penta-bottom line approach: peace, prosperity, people, planet, and profits."

Shortly after Gomez's introduction came the keynote speaker, Tim Suski. Suski graduated from USD in 2008 and since then has successfully launched a few business ventures including Rush Indoor Cycling Studio and Boomr.

Suski shared his advice on entrepreneurship with the audience.

"The world of an

females as her target audience.

"We get asked this question too much you know," Pelaez said. "We did this because almost 40 percent of women claim to drink craft beer, but most beers in the market are made with men as the target market, that is why we decided to make 'La Marieta' Horchata Ale."

Perhaps the pressure was too much to handle for the man pitching his idea for Baja Saver. As he slowly progressed through his presentation, he completely stopped in the middle of his pitch and froze for an entire minute. He continued to talk with his back turned to

Michael Lawless explained what he and his colleagues did to prepare the student-entrepreneurs for the seven minute pitch.

"A big part of what we did is build a network of coaches, investors, and entrepreneurs," Lawless said. "The preparation for this day is at least a year. There are two big phases; first we identify the opportunity to build the business. The second is to teach our students to pitch in front of an audience which usually takes about three to six months of practicing, coaching, and going to workshops."

After the seven minute pitch the student entrepreneurs had the chance to meet one on one with the six angel investors.

After the meetings the angel investors revealed their decisions on how they would allocate the \$50,000 to the USD track, as well as the additional \$50,000 for the Binational track.

For the USD track, Like Cats and Dogs received \$2,000, Lacy took \$8,000, FoldedColor got \$15,000, and TechMeets Trader had the highest investment at a whopping \$25,000.

For the Binational track, Baja Saves got \$4,000, FXR took \$12,000, ÑAPANGA received \$14,000, and Agrosol had the highest investment with a staggering \$20,000.

The university has the ability to leverage its students by a means of competitions such as the V2 pitch competition, which has been dubbed the USD Shark Tank.

Stephan Aarstol is a USD alumnus who was the keynote speaker to the first V2 competition ever held.

"If people know there's money available, it gives the competition more legitimacy," Aarstol said. "It's a great academic exercise and I think every university should have a similar program, and they are foolish if they don't. However, I will say this: the money isn't the important thing, it's a token, I mean it's certainly helpful but the more important thing is to say you won."

The University of San Diego has a notable reputation in the entrepreneurial community.

In fact, USD's entrepreneurship MBA program is ranked number three globally by the Financial Times. Stephan Aarstol is one of the many success stories that have risen to the surface in the recent years and he strongly encourages the students to grow their ideas to ultimately make the school number one.



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This year's V2 pitch competition featured eight finalists, four from USD and four from the Cali-Baja area.

recruiting more investors.

"I designed the entire competition," Lawless said. "We've been able to expand this event by means of our USD network, going to pitch nights, getting referrals, and by word-of-mouth."

All USD V2 participants needed to submit a 10-slide "pitch deck" which is essentially a powerpoint presentation with 10 slides containing important information pertaining to each business pitch. Second, a round of practicing angel investors selected four finalists from USD and four finalists from the Cali-Baja area. An angel investor is an investor who provides financial backing for startups and entrepreneurs.

Following the Venture Fair outside the KIPJ, the dean of the USD School of Business, Jaime Alonso Gomez, PhD., gave a short introduction and discussed USD's role in supporting emerging entrepreneurship in Mexico.

"We are very glad to have students from both sides of the border participate in this night's competition," Gomez said. "The Mexico-

entrepreneur is just a bunch of normal people who put themselves in extraordinary positions," Suski said. "Let's break the misconceptions and start thinking like entrepreneurs; it's not a bunch of geniuses. So go out there and create your story, be creative, and get started."

This message resonated with all the finalists, including the Mexican student-entrepreneurs who also shared some engaging ideas.

Mexico's four finalists included FXR, Baja Saver, ÑAPANGA, and Agrosol. FXR is a phone application that requests professional services for home repair and maintenance. Baja Saver is an energy saving system that is self-sufficient, serving as an alternative for wind and solar systems. Agrosol is a geographical scanning system that uses drones to fertilize and fumigate agriculture. ÑAPANGA is a craft brewery in Tijuana that is focused on catering to the female population.

Nadia Pelaez is the founder of ÑAPANGA and explains why she chose to have

the audience, but everyone still applauded his efforts.

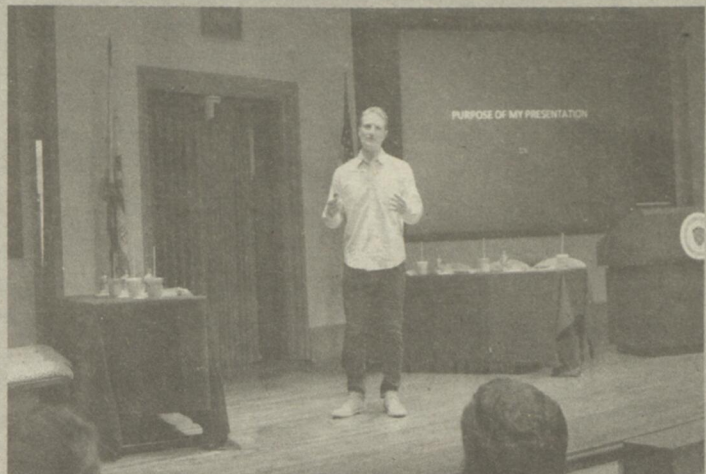
On the USD side, the four finalists were Lacy, FoldedColor, TechMeets Trader, and Like Cats and Dogs.

Lacy is a bra washing machine that was primarily created for washing bras and delicates. FoldedColor is a technology company that makes custom printed packaging. TechMeets Trader is a social media platform for experienced traders and investors. Like Cats and Dogs is a brand of pet toys that makes a toy that is both cat and dog friendly.

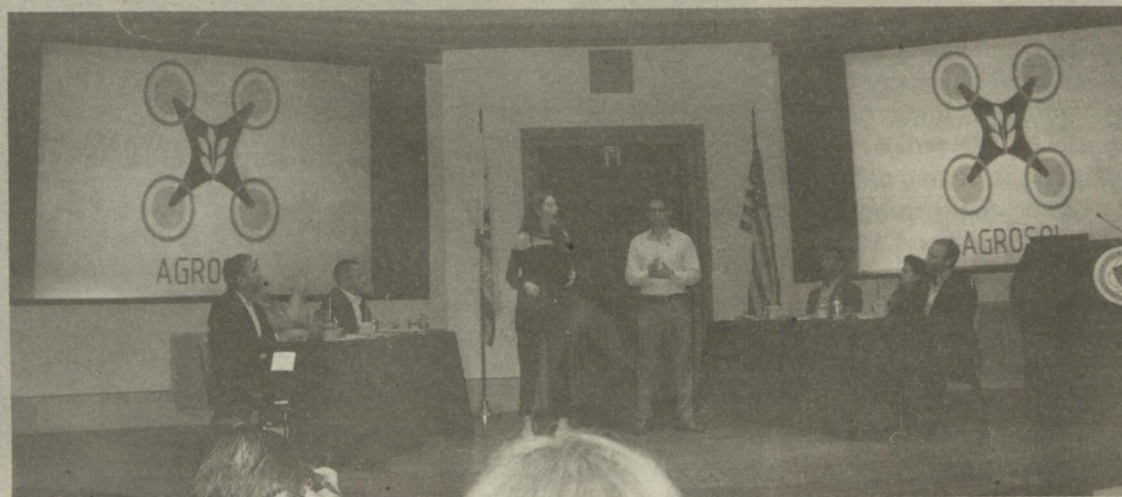
This year there were more than 130 submitted projects, some of which featured a bi-national collaboration. Also, five of the eight finalists were created and led by female entrepreneurs.

Junior Miroslava Gomez shared her views on last week's event.

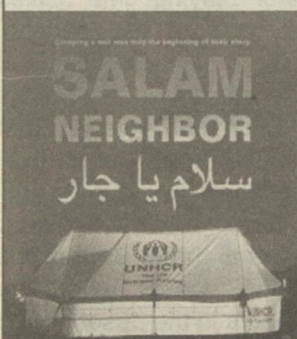
"Overall I liked the event and how diverse it was," Gomez said. "But I think there was a lack in enthusiasm from the audience, because many of them started to leave after the first half of the competition."



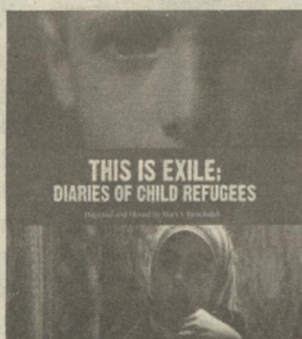
The V2 pitch competition featured the dean of the USD School of Business Jaime Alonso Gomez, PhD., Michael Lawless, PhD., Regina Bernal, and the keynote speaker Tim Suski. Also pictured are the winners from the USD track, TechMeets Trader as well as the Binational track winners, Agrosol.



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As per usual, Sunday rolled around and left me wondering what I was going to write my column about. I mentally cycled through a few ideas, including something about how injuries in the playoffs should be illegal, or why my Mariners will win the World Series. But when I realized that this particular column would appear in the final USD Vista of the semester, I decided to go a little bit off the beaten path.

Rather than using this space to fill your head with my opinions on the actual news of the sports world right now, I have decided to use it as a way to thank all of you who take the time out of your day to read the sports section. Whether you physically grab a copy of the newspaper from one of our high-tech newsstands that are littered around campus, or scroll through the sports tab on the UofSD media website, the fact remains that you take time out of your day to read what I have to say. I truly do appreciate that.

It is not exactly a secret that The USD Vista goes unread by most of the student body. I get that. All of us in the office get that. But that's not why we work for the paper. While I don't want to speak for my colleagues, I know that I joined The Vista — as it was called during my freshman year — because I wanted a platform that would allow me to continue writing.

So to those of you who have ever read the words that I spew out onto these back pages: thank you. For real. It's really cool when your hard work gets acknowledged by other people.

I know that we live in San Diego, a city famous for its sunshine, beaches, and endless amounts of craft beer. But if you took an hour out of your week to flip through the pages of The USD Vista, I can almost guarantee that you would find at least one article or column that speaks to you.

If you don't? That's fine. I remember hearing someone describe journalism like this: one-third of people will like your stuff, one-third of people will dislike it, and the other one-third won't pay any attention to it at all. To the 33 percent of you who have enjoyed reading my stories this year, y'all are dope. To the people who have disliked it, y'all are dope too, because at least you read it.

Lamont Smith on his first year

USD's men's basketball coach discusses his inaugural season at the helm

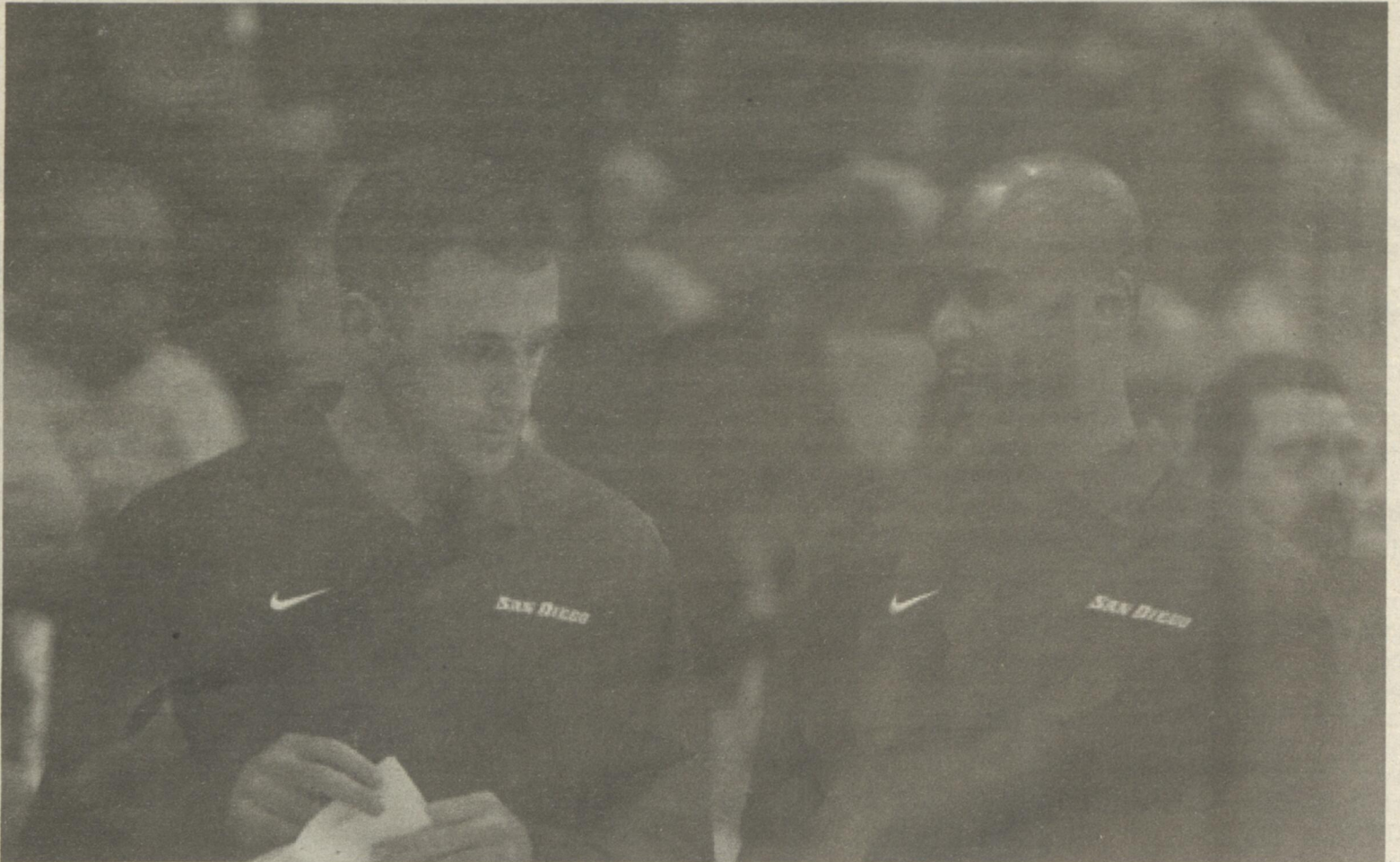


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Lamont Smith (right) credits assistant coach Chris Gerlufsen (left) for his work in landing recruits from the East Coast.

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The University of San Diego men's basketball team has a different definition of success than other collegiate basketball programs. Given the small student population, the mid-major conference in which they compete, and the difficulties of recruiting top tier talent from Southern California, the Toreros cherish any positive moment and instance of improvement.

This is a philosophy that largely stems from Lamont Smith, the USD alumnus who just completed his first year as the head coach at his alma mater. Despite his team's 9-21 record, which featured just three wins outside the Jenny Craig Pavilion, the always optimistic Smith has sunny memories of his inaugural season, during which he picked up many lessons about the profession.

"I think I've learned a lot," Smith said. "When you move over six inches [from the assistant coach's chair to the head coach's], things change dramatically. But at the same time I think it's all basketball. Not only myself, I think our team and our staff learned a lot about each other, learned a lot about the conference, and learned a lot about where we need to go in the future."

Of course, there were some incredible highs to balance out the lows of the 2015-16 campaign. In just his eighth game as a Division I head coach, Smith guided his

team to a 53-48 victory over the heavily favored San Diego State University Aztecs in a game played outdoors at Petco Park. Not only did the win serve as a statement about Smith's coaching abilities, it was also the first time in 10 years that the Toreros were able to knock off the Aztecs. When reflecting on the signature win, Smith harped on the fact that the triumph was an entire team effort, from the coaching staff to the players.

"I thought we did a great job with our game plan," Smith said. "I thought our guys were dialed into what we were trying to do from a scouting standpoint, and executed it at a high level. The other piece of it is, I think it was just absolutely sensational that we were able to send our seniors out on that kind of note. Having them have the opportunity to beat San Diego State for the first time, and go out as winners against a cross-town rival."

While the team still had 21 more regular season games after defeating SDSU, the game certainly was a worthy culmination of the careers of senior center Jito Kok and fellow senior, guard Duda Sanadze. Both players made huge impacts on Torero basketball as a whole, and they will each have their names etched in immortality thanks to record breaking performances.

The 6'9" Kok, known for his rock solid defense and ability to rise to great heights, will graduate as the USD record holder for career blocked shots. Kok played

in 129 games over four years wearing Torero blue. He finished his career with a flourish, posting a career high seven points per game and a 66 percent field goal percentage.

Sanadze capped his career with the greatest offensive performance in the 37 years since USD made the jump to Division I. He poured in 38 points against the University of Portland Pilots on Senior Night, setting the Torero record and ensuring that his last memories of the JCP would be favorable ones. His coach says that Sanadze's offensive explosion on Feb. 27 was not only one of the most special moments of his first year, but also in the history of the university.

"I think as far as USD basketball, you would be hard pressed to not say that it was one of the best performances for a USD student athlete," Smith said. "Breaking the points scored in a game record is outstanding. Obviously it's one thing to have done it in a regular game, but to have done it on Senior Night, your last game, is pretty remarkable."

The departures of Kok and Sanadze sets up for a ceremonial passing of the torch. Next year's roster will be littered with youth, both in the form of returning sophomores and incoming first-years. With the transfers of guards Marcus Harris, Vasa Pusica, and Khalil Bedart-Ghani, the newcomers will likely be tasked with filling the minutes that the fleeing trio leaves behind.

In the backcourt, returning

sophomores Olin Carter III and Tyler Williams bring the most experience. Both appeared in all 30 games for the Toreros, with Carter serving as the team's primary point guard. Williams' playing time spiked at the end of the season, perhaps in anticipation that his role would increase for the 2016-17 season. He averaged 22 minutes per game over the season's last six games, and started alongside Carter for the final three. Both of the promising guards were key ingredients in the upset of San Diego State. Carter played a team-high 35 minutes and scored 12 points, while Williams sank two free throws in the game's final seconds to help seal the victory.

Smith noted that Carter and Williams' success in that game, just the eighth of their respective careers, could be a sign of happy times on the horizon.

"I think that obviously both those guys [Carter and Williams] played outstanding that day," Smith said. "I would hope that would be a rocket launcher for success in the future, and not only success for the future but for them to understand what kind of plays need to be made in a big game like that to be successful. Both of them had a taste of it, so we're going to count on them in the future to continue to do those things for us."

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Chargers 2016 draft recap

San Diego selects pass rusher Joey Bosa with the third overall pick, passing on Jalen Ramsey

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Contributor

Off the field, the future of the San Diego Chargers here in America's Finest City remains in limbo amid ongoing stadium discussions between the team and the city. On the field, however, the organization's future became a little clearer this past weekend, as the team added to its ranks with a fresh draft class of budding NFL stars.

Entering Day One, the team was largely expected to shore up its Swiss-cheese offensive line with the selection of Ole Miss tackle Laremy Tunsil. However, after the release of a less-than-flattering video mere moments before the draft had Tunsil's draft stock literally going up in smoke, the Chargers reversed course and selected defensive end Joey Bosa out of Ohio State University.

Bosa, who had 26 career sacks in college and has drawn comparisons to reigning NFL Defensive Player of the Year J.J. Watt, should vastly improve the Bolts' defensive line. Alongside free agent signee Brandon Mebane, the Chargers' expected starting nose tackle, San Diego should have little trouble wreaking havoc in opponents' backfields.

The second round presented the chance to pick up UCLA linebacker Myles Jack, widely considered to be a top 10 talent in the class, who had fallen in the draft because of concerns over the long-term health of his knee. In

a surprise move that will likely prove to be more prudent than many frustrated Chargers fans would like to admit, the team passed on Jack.

In lieu of Jack, the Chargers selected tight end Hunter Henry out of the University of Arkansas. Henry, a 6'5", 250-pounder and the consensus top tight end in the draft, will have no problem fitting into the Chargers' offense as both a pass catcher and a run blocker. Eventually, he may prove to be an admirable replacement when future Hall of Famer Antonio Gates finally retires.

San Diego picked up center Max Tuerk out of the University of Southern California in the third round. After undergoing a knee surgery at the beginning of last season, Tuerk may not be immediately ready for preseason workouts. However, reports have him progressing well in his recovery, and as soon as he's healthy again and mini-camp opens up, he is expected to compete with incumbent Chris Watt for the starting job.

Hailed as a cerebral player with uncommon athleticism for his size, fans can expect Tuerk to be a welcomed addition as the Chargers look to keep star quarterback Philip Rivers upright in 2016.

The fourth round brought the addition of another defensive stud from Ohio State University in linebacker Joshua Perry. Perry finished with more than 100 tackles in each of the last two seasons, earning first-team All-Big Ten honors in 2015. Perry is described by

coaches as an "old-school thumper" whose physical style of play will likely help the team's run defense in a backup role behind starters Denzel Perryman and Manti Te'o.

The later rounds proved promising for the Bolts' front office as well. The fifth round brought in linebacker Jatavis Brown, a three-time all-conference linebacker out of the University of Akron who will likely be better suited for a role as a safety at the professional level given his speed and lack of size. In the sixth round, the team decided on a replacement for longtime punter and fan favorite Mike Scifres, selecting Drew Kaser out of Texas A&M University and proceeding to cut Scifres shortly after.

The team also made a move to help its vaunted running back, Melvin Gordon, rebound from a disappointing and touchdown-less rookie season by picking up his former fullback in college, Derek Watt. The on-field chemistry between Gordon and Watt should help the former come closer to delivering on the potential he flashed during a record-setting career as a Wisconsin Badger.

Finally, San Diego closed out its draft by taking guard Donovan Clark from Michigan State University. Clark started 27 consecutive games as a Spartan while rotating between three different positions. Scouts say Clark has the versatility and durability that the Chargers' big uglies have lacked in recent seasons.

Ultimately, despite missing out on some of the biggest names in

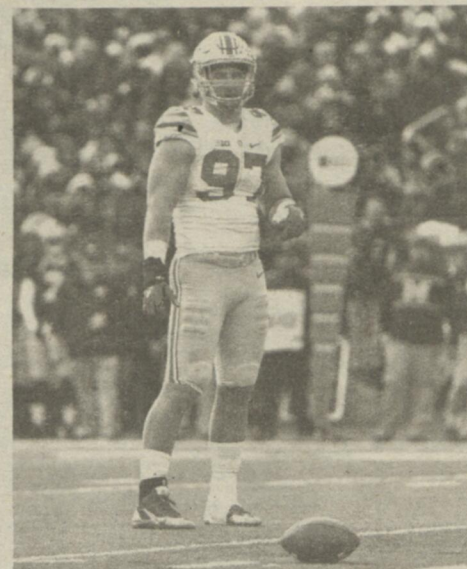
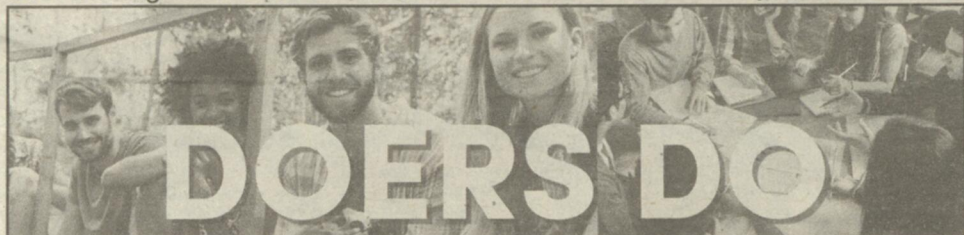


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Bosa notched 26 sacks in his college career. the 2016 class and failing to directly address a need in the defensive secondary, the Chargers made some shrewd selections over the course of the draft. Additions to the pass rush and offensive line have the potential to pay immediate dividends, while the discovery of replacements for some of the franchise's longtime cornerstones should further fans' confidence in the long term direction of the organization.

USD students can look forward to watching the team's exciting crop of players at Frank's Lounge, sports bars across the city, or from the comfort of their own living room. Whether this year's draft class will carve out careers in Qualcomm Stadium here in San Diego or elsewhere, remains to be decided.



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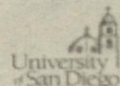
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In the frontcourt, Smith received commitments from recruits that hail from all over the map. The incoming freshman class will include Juwan Gray, a 6'8" wing player from Delaware, who has already signed a letter of intent with the Toreros.

Gray will be joined by Frank Ryder and Jose Martinez, two 6'10" forwards that have given Smith a verbal commitment. Ryder played his high school ball in Colorado, over 1,900 miles from the Connecticut prep school that Martinez attended. Point guard Nassir Barrino of Jersey City, NJ, and shooting guard Mark Carbone of Manchester, CT have also verbally committed to USD.

Smith has put together a coaching staff with ties to the eastern seaboard, an accomplishment he credits to the team's ability to land recruits from the other side of the country. Assistant coaches Chris Gerlufsen and Russell Springmann both grew up in highly populated Mid-Atlantic cities. Gerlufsen is from Philadelphia and Springmann grew up in Washington D.C., allowing them to form connections far away from Alcalá Park.

"We have two guys on our staff from the East Coast, particularly Chris Gerlufsen on our staff has done an



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Head coach Lamont Smith will rely heavily on sophomore guards Tyler Williams (left) and Olin Carter III (right) during the 2016-17 season.

outstanding job with fostering those relationships on the East Coast," Smith said. "We would be not very smart not to use their networking and use the guys they have contact with. That was part of the reason why I hired this staff, was to be able to cover a lot of the country. If you can play, we're not afraid to go get you, wherever you are."

The way things stand right now, next year will be

another rebuilding season for the Toreros. With an influx of freshmen and only one returning senior — forward Brett Bailey — the squad will have to build camaraderie and learn how to play together. Smith plans to approach the upcoming season with a realistic view, but while his goals are small, he believes that the future could be gigantic.

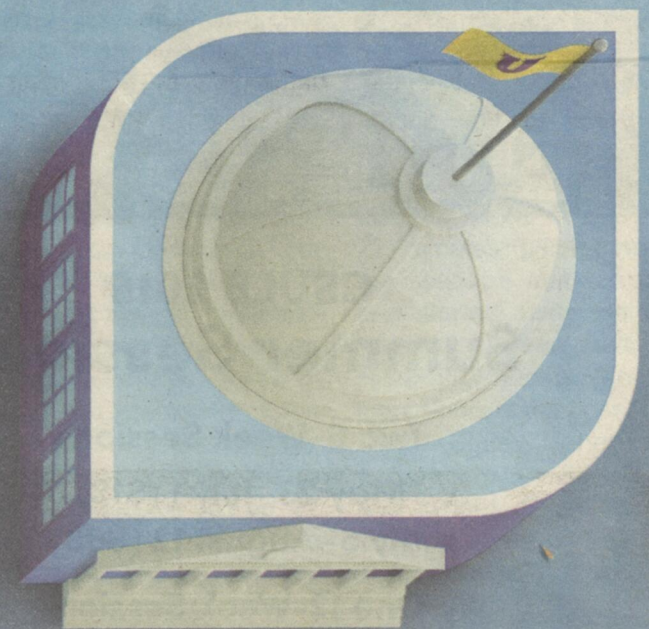
"I'm going to be

really honest with you and transparent," Smith said. "I just want improvement. I just want to see our guys, our basketball team, and our program improve. I will say, I think that people will be very excited about the young men that we're bringing in. I think they're extremely talented but I think they're also great representations of our university and our community."

No matter what happens

next season, the first chapter in Smith's head coaching story will always include several bright spots. From winning the city championship at Petco Park to Duda Sanadze's legendary final performance, Smith has planted the seeds to his coaching career. He's hoping that the new additions to the team will grow into something beautiful for the USD community to be proud of.

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